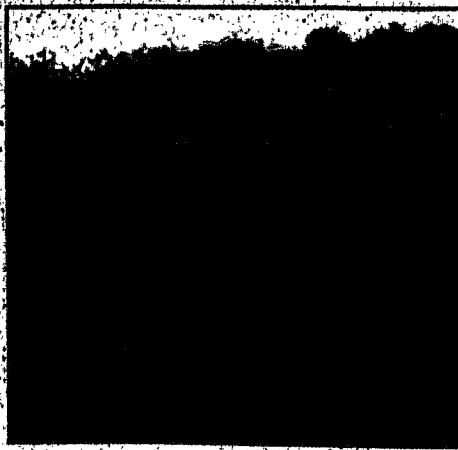


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## Storms ravage Hancock

### Diamondhead Women to host 'Spring Fling'

Diamondhead Women's Club will hold its 11th Annual Spring Art Fling on Sunday, April 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club. Admission is \$2 and all proceeds will be donated to Hope Haven Children's Shelter and Alzheimer's Foundation. For more, call 255-4458.

### Clermont Harbor Civic Association to meet

The Clermont Harbor Civic Association will meet this Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the volunteer fire department. Topic will be planning and zoning with Dist. One commissioner Ray Ladner.

### BHS JROTC dinner

Bay High JROTC Booster Club will hold a spaghetti dinner on Fri. 5-7 p.m. at Legion Post 139, 708 Green Meadow Rd. Dine in/ take out for \$5. Proceeds go toward drill team/color guard competition expenses.

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Thunderstorm conditions helped create at least two tornadoes that touched down in Hancock County yesterday. Ronnie Cuevas, chief administrator for the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, said most of the damage was confined to the eastern portion of Bayside Park.

### Tornadoes touch down in Bayside Park

BY JOHN WATERMAN  
Staff Writer

Tornadoes touched down on the eastern side of Bayside Park Wednesday afternoon causing severe property damage to several homes and automobiles in the area, as well as massive flooding on many of the area's streets.

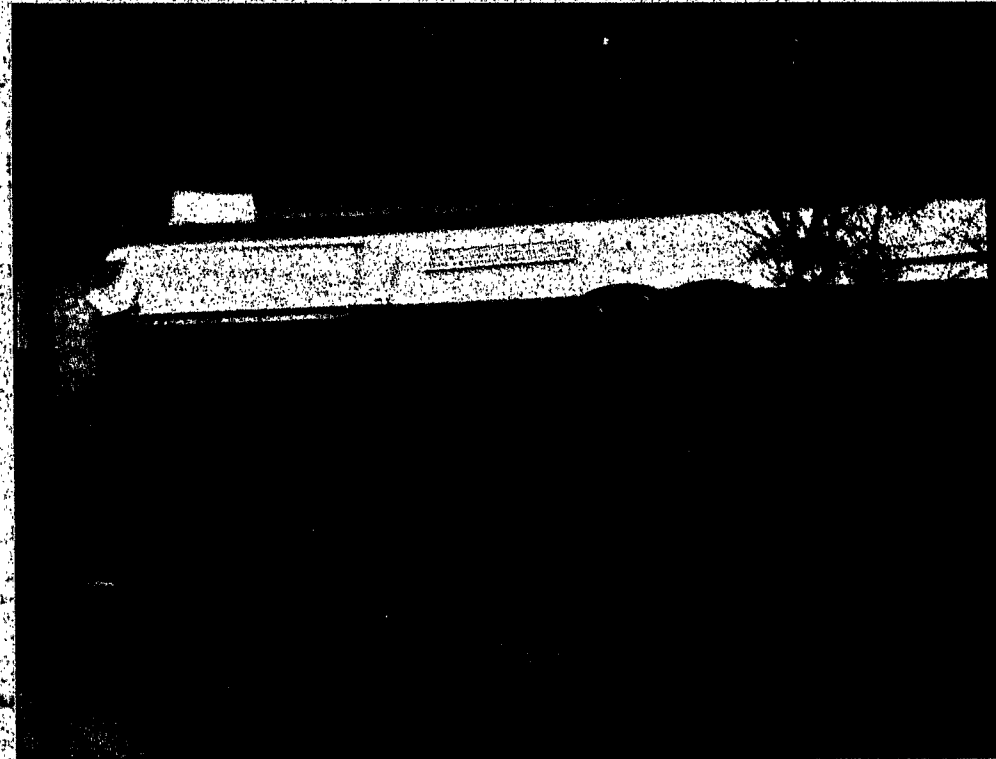
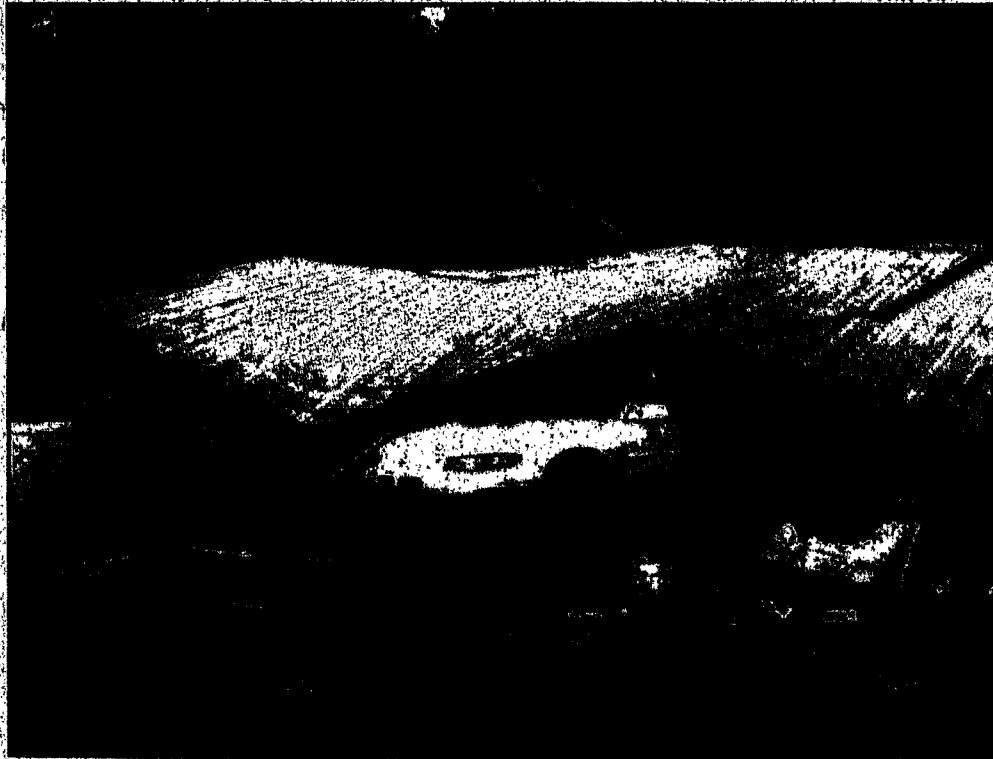
However, no one was hurt in the storm, according to Ronnie Cuevas, chief administrator for the Hancock County Sheriff's Office.

"Nobody reported any injuries," he said.

Most of the damage was confined to the eastern area of Bayside Park. Several homes suffered large amounts of damage from trees felled by the storm. A trailer was overturned, and a carport came down on one family's automobile.

The tops of many trees

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## Stennis Airport in running for major aerospace firm

Hancock is only county in the  
state being considered for site

**BENNIE SHALLBETTER**  
Staff Writer  
Stennis International Airport is the only contender in Mississippi for a business deal that could be the biggest boost to the county's economy in years. European Aerospace Defense Systems (EADS) will be considering Stennis, along with sites in 35 other states, as a site for its new \$600 million K-C 33 modification and assembly plant. The complex will also include an engineering and design building. If the Stennis site is chosen it will bring 150 jobs immediately and eventually up to 1,100 jobs when assembly of the aircraft gets underway.

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This aerial photo of the runway at Stennis International Airport shows the potential site for a new \$600 million K-C33 modification and assembly plant for European Aerospace Defense systems.



# Where's the sewer project money going?

• **Editor's note:** The following is the second installment of a two-part story examining the years-long federally-mandated effort to expand sewer services in Hancock County.

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

With a new direction for a wastewater service plan for the county, the Southern Regional Board began to work with Digital Engineering on the completion of an updated 201 facilities plan. They also began scouting the area for a location for the Western plant, which would serve Pearllington and other areas. After months of efforts, in December, Southern Regional was able to acquire a 20 acre tract in the Stennis Buffer Zone along Hwy. 90 for the plant, slated to be under construction in early summer.

Compton Engineering had also begun work on a design for a three phase collection system for the community. Funding has been allocated for the first two phases and the county has submitted paperwork to request funding for Phase III.

Compton came on as district engineers in October of 1998. A statement of qualifications was submitted by Compton, along with several other firms, to the district in March of that year. The district originally considered two other firms, Southern Consultants and Dennis Steiffel and Assoc., and initially voted to hire Steiffel in June of 1998, though evaluations by the District's Research and Engineering Committee showed Southern Consultants to be the preferred pick. Steiffel was later disqualified due to a problem with their statement of qualifications.

In 1999 Compton completed work on an initial facilities plan for the project that could be submitted to funding agencies. The firm was paid \$11,620 for the plan. The preliminary plan and a commitment from Southern Regional to provide wastewater treatment was necessary before any state or federal agency would consider allocating funds for the project.

Phase II is now slated to go out to bid with construction to begin in early summer. The only roadblock holding up the project at this point, says Compton engineer Geof Clemens, is the acquisition of property for the location of a pump station. A piece was selected on Hwy. 90 and 7th, but an agreement on price could not be reached. Negotiations for another property are underway now, said board president Ronnie Cuevas.

According to charts released by Compton Engineering, Phase II will be funded by a combination of three grants and loans: Corps of Engineers 592 grant funds total \$2,131,026, CDBG grant funds total \$450,000, and an SRF loan of \$393,676 bring the total estimated cost of Phase II to \$2,974,702.

Of that total an estimated \$1,580,226 is allocated for materials and labor to install the system (\$74,200 was paid for pipe so far); \$839,600 is allocated for vacuum stations and treatment and labor for installa-

tion (\$300,000 is allocated to the package treatment plant); and \$554,876 is allocated for administration, legal fees, design and a construction contingency (this includes \$75,000 - \$6,500 in administrative fees from the CDBG) already paid to Jimmy Gouras and \$15,000 paid to Compton for handling public hearings, paperwork, appraisals and other business in connection with easement acquisitions and other property.)

Phase I will be funded by a combination of Coastal Impact Assistance funds (CIAP) of \$1 million and RUS funds of \$186,680 (\$138,500 grant/\$48,200 loan) for a total cost of \$1,186,680. Of that total \$1,001,097 is allocated for materials and labor costs to install the system, and \$185,583 is allocated for administration, legal fees, design, and construction contingency.

Phase III is slated to be funded by a \$2,059,147 RUS grant and a \$686,382 RUS loan for a total of \$2,745,530. Of that total \$2,025,594 is to be allocated for materials and labor to install the system; \$364,600 is to be allocated for vacuum station installation and materials and an administration building; and

\$355,336 is allocated for administrative, legal fees, design, construction contingency and interim financing.

Compton has been paid \$277,489 to date on their total estimated fee of \$661,147 for the collection project. Compton's fee include the design of the system and fees for overseeing the construction phase of the project.

Built into the estimated costs are funds to help the district build an administration building and begin business, pay their attorney and operate until service fees begin to be collected, said Clemens. These costs will come out of the funds marked for administration and legal fees. Administration fees charged by the various funding agencies, and other related costs are also paid from these funds, Clemens said. Given current construction estimates and loan payback rates, the district should be able to maintain a monthly service fee of the estimated \$35 a month, Clemens said.

Many questioned the design of the system. Funding determined some of the lines for the various phases, engineers said, however the nature of the system itself determined much of the layout. Much of the layout was dependent on vacuum available on some longer pipe segments and

how much static loss needed to be overcome.

Engineers say they discovered that the lift required to cross Cowan Bayou and Whites Bayou could not be overcome. Vacuum piping could not be placed on bridges, either, they say. Bayou crossings became the determining factor in separating phases for the southern part of the project.

The determining factor

for the separation of phases along the northern portion of the project was based on available vacuum remaining in the system as pipe segments were designed, they say. The design essentially required each phase to be a stand alone project. Two funding agencies, RUS and SRF also required the design to be stand alone in the event that a portion encountered funding problems, engineers said.

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# Great Danes



**DENMARK GSE TEAM** – The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club hosted members of the Denmark Rotary District 1460 International Group Study Exchange team at its Wednesday lunch meeting. The Denmark group is visiting Rotary District 6840 for a five week period as guests of Rotarians in the various towns in the district. The purpose of the GSE is to promote world peace and understanding. A group of Rotarians from District 6840 will visit Denmark later this year. Signing their country's national anthem are Trine V. Clausen, left, Morten Damm, Kaare S. Jorgensen, Anders Gjerlov, group leader Flemming Rolikjar, and Nikolaj Moller Nielsen.

Photo by Sea Coast Echo publisher Randy Ponder

## Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off wants you!!!

**BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
Publisher Emeritus

The American Cancer Society's 16th annual Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off is set for Monday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hancock County Civic Center, Longfellow Drive.

Once again, the CO-chairmen are seeking the best red beans cooks, whether that be restaurant, business, organization, government, or family. Ernie Zimmerman, of Calgon Carbon at Port Bienville Industrial Park, reported at a meeting last week.

Zimmerman is CO-chairman along with Hancock County Tax Collector/Assessor Jimmie Ladner, Jr., and Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre.

The Red Beans & Rice is one of several Hancock

County fund raisers that supports the American Cancer Society.

The Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off was organized by Janet McQueen, Anne Schmidt Andre and Basil Kennedy 16 years ago. The fund raiser continues to grow each year with community-wide participation.

There are five categories of competition; government, family, organization, business and restaurants. Entry fee is \$100, while a special rate of \$50 has been set for family entries.

The red beans are provided by the distributors of Camellia Red Beans to be cooked by the entrants, who provide their special ingredients, rice serving spoons, pots, corn bread, and booth decorations.

Plates, spoons, napkins,

cups and to-go containers will be provided to competitors.

The general public plays a very important role too, as they will also select the top cooks in each category.

A group of Celebrity Judges will also judge the top cooks.

First, second, third place winners will receive a trophy. There will also be a showmanship, Top Bean, Peoples Choice and Best Corn Bread trophy.

A drawing for positions at the Civic Center will be held for entrants in the Cook-Off.

For further information contact; Zimmerman at 493-0737, Ladner or Sandra Hoda, or Favre at 467-9092.

P.S. Mayor Favre and Tax Collector Ladner will be only cooking for take-outs

this year, as they have been the top winners in recent years.

"This is to give other competitors a chance to win," both said.

## Bay woman slips drugs in her bra

**BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS**  
Publisher Emeritus

A Bay St. Louis woman was arrested on March 25, following a traffic violation stop in which she was a passenger, when she was seen slipping crack cocaine into her bra, according to Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell and Bay Chief Frank McNeil.

Varnell and McNeil said, "Agents of the Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force arrested Monica Stalnaker, 26, of Lincoln St., Bay St. Louis and charged her with possession of a controlled substance, (crack

cocaine), and possession of drug paraphernalia."

"Waveland Officer Todd Blake initiated a traffic violation stop. Stalnaker was in the passenger seat and Todd observed her attempting to conceal an object in her bra and asked her to exit the vehicle. Stalnaker was asked to shake out the contents of her bra and a crack pipe and off white substance fell to the ground when she did so," the news release said.

Stalnaker was taken into custody and transported to the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility

and placed on a \$10,500 bond. Agent Jim Martin is handling the investigation and Stalnaker has a preliminary court date set for April 7 in Waveland Municipal Court, the report said.

Any tips or complaints concerning illegal narcotics, please contact the Bay-Waveland Narcotics Task Force at 467-5683.

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## Hancock NAACP to host political forum for BSL Ward 3 Council hopefuls

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Also see [www.alicemoseley.com](http://www.alicemoseley.com)

## Friday, April 8, 10 a.m. "ADVANCED DIRECTIVES"

Learn how easy it is to prepare a legal document outlining your personal decisions for medical care. Hancock Outpatient Rehabilitation, Shepherd Square, Diamondhead (228) 255-1729.

Presented by Susan Stevens, LSW, CPHQ

## Program will be repeated Wednesday, April 20, 10 a.m.

Hancock Medical Center Business & Education Classroom

## Thursday, April 21 "FOR WOMEN ONLY... YOUR HEALTH AFTER 40"

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Clermont Harbor needs help with its water system

For years and years, the residents of Clermont Harbor have been suffering with a water system which is apparently obsolete.

One of these days, someone is going to get the idea that the best thing to do is to start the system over from scratch. Since there have been so many 'boil water notices' over the years, there should possibly be some grant money somewhere 'out there' to help with the expense of installing an up-to-date water system in Clermont Harbor.

I realize the 'boil water notices' are a precautionary measure when a system loses pressure, but, it has to be nerveing for folks on the system, as it seems to happen frequently in that community.

I do realize the water system has new ownership and they are trying their best to keep the system up and running.

Possibly someone will step forward and offer help in securing a new system.

One of the things I have failed to mentioned in recent columns, is the Silent Auction will take place at the 16th annual American Cancer

Society's Red Beans & Rice Cook-Off on April 18.

The Cook-Off will take place at the Hancock County Civic Center, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Longfellow Drive.

Marilyn Finch, manager of Whitney Bank's Waveland branch is the chairman of the Silent Auction and now in the process of collecting items for the auction.

If you have something you would like to donate for the Silent Auction, give Marilyn a call at 467-6578.

I realize it is a month away, but another very important event will take place on the night of May 6 in Bay St. Louis, to help fight cancer.

This will be Hancock County's Relay for Life fund raiser for the American Cancer Society.

The Relay for Life will be held at the Walking Track in front of Hancock Medical Center, beginning at 6 p.m. on April 6, and is a 'fun' fund raising event filled with activities, fun and community spirit.

Last year, the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club was the top pledge receiver, but I have been told they will have strong competition this year, as Coast

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## State's Medicaid still ailing

If you thought the Legislature recently had solved forever the state's fiscal burden for the huge Medicaid program by cutting its budget 24 percent and seriously reducing many services to the medically needy, think again.

The Barbour Administration has given the impression that we will be free of the fiscal burden for some 60,000 now on state Medicaid rolls by simply handing them over to the feds when the new Medicare program kicks in January 1, 2006.

Free? Not so. First off, ever hear the word "clawback" in connection with Medicaid cum Medicare? You will before very long.

No mention of clawback was heard as Barbour peo-

ple and their Senate lackeys were crowing a week ago that they had rammed \$167 million in Medicaid program cuts down the throat of House members while forcing the House to drop its 50 cent cigarette tax hike to help fund Medicaid.

Clawback is the money the state is going to have to pay monthly to the federal government beginning in 2006 under the new federal Medicare law when the feds to pick up all or part of the prescription drug tab for 130,000 needy who are dually eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare.

Recently at the National Governors Conference, the New York Times reported, many governors, some of them Republicans, believed they were misled by the

Bush Administration that the new Medicare law would relieve them of prescription drug costs for the low income elderly who are dually eligible for both Medicaid and Medicare.

After they did the math under the clawback (required state contribution) provision of the Medicare act, they found they would be paying more money to the federal government than they will be saving under the new Medicare law.

And the amount their states will have to pay to the government, the governors told the Times, will increase each year thereafter.

Notably, Mississippi's Haley Barbour was not quoted as a critic of the new Medicare law, the measure hailed by his good friend, George W. Bush, as a major achievement of his first term in office.

Right now because of the fuzziness surrounding the feds' planning for the

January implementation of the new Medicare law, state Medicaid authorities say they don't have a firm handle on how much the state will have to pony up to the federal government next year, or which drug plans will be offered to recipients.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services "keeps restructuring the (clawback) formula, and we probably won't really know what it is until August," according to Francis Rullan, public relations director for the state's Division of Medicaid.

State Rep. Steve Holland, (D) Plantersville, the House Health and Welfare Chairman, who has been in the middle of the heated battle to fund the Medicaid FY2006 budget, said the clawback figure he has been given so far is estimated at \$15 million next year.

However, there's strong indication the amount will

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## Mississippi Senate Legislative Report

During the final weeks of the Session, the Senate has continued to work diligently. The deadline for final adoption of conference reports on Appropriations and Revenue bills fell on March 27.

On Easter Sunday, with that deadline quickly approaching and no agreement in sight, a concurrent resolution to extend the deadline was passed. Later in the week, the final day of the session (Sine Die) had to be extended to meet the constitutional provision that 5 days pass between the adoption of Appropriation and Revenue bills and the Sine Die date. The extension was a procedural move that we hoped

would allow the Senate and House these final additional days to finish their work without having to physically be present at the Capitol past the original Sine Die date of April 3. This move was to avoid any additional cost for the session.

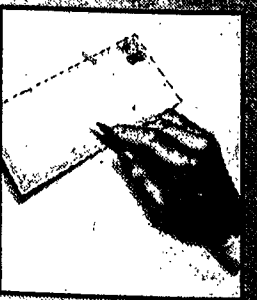
I feel it is imperative to not let the important work done in this session be overshadowed by these last hour disputes over the budget. Numerous bills have been approved by the Governor or else are on their way to the Governor's desk that will have great impact on Mississippi. I want to take this opportunity to highlight a few.

The Juvenile Justice

## Letters to the Editor

### Our letters page

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of abuse, expressions of appreciation and political statements are inappropriate.



Reform Act (SB 2894) establishes the Juvenile Detention Facilities Monitoring Unit as a part of the Department of Public Safety to perform quarterly inspections of all juvenile detention facilities. It also requires that each Multidisciplinary Assessment and Planning (MAP) team have an "A" (adolescent) team to provide services for nonviolent youthful offenders who have

serious behavioral or emotional disorders. The bill includes a provision that if a youth in a detention center has been screened and found to need professional mental help, the child must be referred within 48 hours to the appropriate medical facility. Additionally, the bill provides that no first time nonviolent youth offenders be committed to a juvenile

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justice center until all other options have been considered and the court specifically finds that such commitment is appropriate. This encourages the option of training school, allowing time for the child to make sufficient progress in treatment and rehabilitation. One final requirement of the bill is that the Division Of Youth Services shall make available an adolescent offender program to each county by the year 2010.

The Medicaid Technical Amendments Act (HB 1104) conference report was finally adopted. The result of the bill reduces the Medicaid budget for fiscal year 2006 by over \$169 million from the current year's budget. Some of the highlights of HB 1104 include the re-statement of Poverty Level Aged and Disabled (PLADS) through December 31, 2005. At that time, federal law requires all individuals dually eligible for Medicaid and Medicare to be removed from Medicaid rolls and use Medicare benefits solely. Otherwise, the State would be required to pay every dollar of recipients' prescription costs without federal match dollars. To minimize the use of costly emergency room visits for non-emergencies, the bill also speci-

fies that the six emergency room visits allowed must be medically necessary. With studies indicating that individuals on average only use 24 visits per year, home health visits are limited from 60 to 25 per year. Additionally, the bill limits prescription drugs to 5, only 2 of which can be name brand drugs. The Department of Medicaid must supply drug providers with information on the cost of name-brand drugs as well as information on alternative prescription drugs. For the first time ever, this bill provides a system for long-term care facilities to return unused drugs to pharmacies. In the past, these drugs were being discarded. They now can then be restocked and used, saving the State millions of dollars.

SB 2339 covers judicial redistricting for our state. The bill amends the number of Chancery and Circuit Court judges in certain districts. Overall, there were four new Chancery Court judge positions added across various districts. The bill also allows two new Circuit Court judge positions to be added for the 2006 elections and makes provisions for two additional positions to be added for the 2011 elections. The bill further expands the

Supreme Court's authority to appoint a special judge to serve in an emergency and repeals those provisions of the code dealing with running "in the herd." From now on, all Chancery and Circuit Court judgeship candidates will be required to qualify and run for a specific post.

Also adopted this session was SB 2750. Under this bill, the House Arrest Program may expand the number of slots available. Only those convicted on non-violent, non-sex related charges are eligible for the program. The House Arrest Program is an alternative form of sentencing and is a lower cost to the state than incarceration in a state or private owned prison.

Numerous bills also were passed that extend repealers on several boards and commissions. Many of these boards and commissions were due to "sunset" or cease operations this year. The bills passed allow for the continuation of services by these boards and commissions. We also reauthorized the Department of Human Services (DHS). As you may recall, DHS has been operating under executive order of the Governor over the past year. SB 2009 reauthorizes DHS and extends the repealer until

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July 1, 2009.

You also may recall the approval of the Medical Malpractice Insurance Availability Act during the Special Session of 2002 on Tort Reform. This act was created to provide affordable malpractice insurance to doctors and healthcare providers in our State. This act was set to expire this year. HB 369 extends the repealer and allows for the continuation of this service to our doctors and healthcare providers.

On a final note, one additional responsibility that rests solely in the Senate is to confirm the Governor's and other elected officials' appointments to boards and commissions in State Government. During the last weeks of the session, the Senate has brought to the floor and confirmed over 100 appointments. We are confident that these appointees will fulfill their duties and obligations with diligence and will serve our State well.

It is a pleasure to serve as your Senator. I hope the remainder of the Regular Session of 2005 goes smoothly and that we will have a budget to soon report to you. As always, I welcome any comments or questions. You may contact me at (601) 359-3221.

## Minor -- Medicaid

run considerably higher than \$15 million.

Medicaid Deputy administrator for health services Sharon Barnett Myers, said based on present information she estimates that the state will have to pay \$28 million in clawbacks to the federal government next fiscal year when 130,000 of Mississippi's low-income elderly prescription benefits will be covered by Medicare.

Incidentally, that's money the Legislature will have to come up with above the ordinary cost of the overall state Medicaid program, which provides health care for some 780,000 poor Mississippians, a quarter of the state's total population.

Last year Barbour sought to remove 68,000 poverty-level aged and disabled recipients (PLADS) from the rolls, as of last July, contending that they could then get their prescription medicines under one of the new Medicare

drug discount cards. Under the new Medicare Act he contended they would in any case be covered beginning January, 2006.

His move was met with widespread public opposition and threw panic into the ranks of the Medicaid recipients and their families. A public interest group went to federal court and obtained an order blocking implementation of the Barbour plan at least until this July.

Subsequently, Barbour had to relent and approve extending the PLADS coverage until January, 2006. That one concession, however, came at the expense of the pounds of flesh in benefit cuts ripped out of the Medicaid budget in the House-Senate conference battle. Contrary to some printed reports, while pro-Medicaid House conferees had to swallow some hurtful cuts in services in order to get a budget bill Barbour would sign, they didn't

throw in the towel entirely.

They made the Senate back down on two important points: 1. A provision pushed by Barbour that would have stripped state agencies of Personnel Board protection for their employees was eliminated; and 2. A Barbour-backed lawsuit to cut off the \$20 million-a-year allotment from the Tobacco lawsuit fund to the Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi will be dropped.

But back to the state's medically needy when the new federal Medicare Act kicks in:

Look for a new round of widespread confusion among thousands of Medicaid beneficiaries, trying to figure out which program and which prescription drug plan they will be under.

Medicaid's Barnett Myers says, "A lot of education is going to have to be done by us, as well as the community between now and then or there's going to

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be a lot of turmoil."

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**STAINED GLASS BY RICHIE, 131 MAIN STREET SUITE D:** Mary Anderson is the featured artist at Stained Glass By Richie. Mary has received the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Mississippi Photography Competition for 2005. Her works feature scenes of Gulf Coast sunsets, pelicans and seagulls. Also on display are stained glass panels by Richie Zitzmann and Tony Barlow with blown glass paperweights and hummingbird feeders by Russell Voss. The shop features paintings by Brother Carl, watercolors by Fat Ward and handmade copper and brass jewelry by Suzanne Lunceau.  
**THE KID COMPANY, 211 MAIN STREET:** The Kid Company features The Lumpkin Ceramic Collection by artist Susan Lumpkin. Her collection includes baby plates, crosses, piggy banks, dinnerware and other wonderful designed pieces. Mary Beth Landry will be playing music you will enjoy dancing to "Cricker Due" "The Food Fairy" will be creating a crawfish pasta dish that you won't want to miss. In addition to children's clothing both dress up and play, they have toys, kites and stuffed animals. We invite kids of all ages to join in the celebration.  
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Spring is here and it's time for the 7th Annual Chef's Showcase!

This year's event will be held on Sunday, April 17, in the Our Lady Academy and Bay Catholic gymnasium off Union Street in Bay St. Louis. The doors will open at 5 p.m. and the event will conclude at 8 p.m.

Top chefs from the West side of the Mississippi Gulf Coast will be showcasing their specialties for your enjoyment! A sample of the restaurants participating includes: Annie's, Bay City Grill, The Cake Diva, Chappy's, Tigre's, Trapani's, Rickey's, Dempsey's Seafood and Steak, and many more! In addition to the fabulous food, there will be live and silent auctions, a \$1,000 raffle, and a drawdown for a fabulous diamond and emerald ring with matching earrings (only 100 tickets will be sold for this drawdown with tickets costing \$50 each). A new special feature this year is the "Artists on Site" section. Numerous artists will be on hand to display and demon-

strate their new art. Live jazz entertainment will be provided during the evening.

All of this is included in the admission price of \$25 per person. Ticket sponsor packages are also available for \$75, this includes 2 tickets and your name listed in the program. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and excitement of this special evening. All proceeds benefit the Our Lady Academy and Bay Catholic Elementary Capital Campaign. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. For further information, please call 463-9878 or 467-5516.

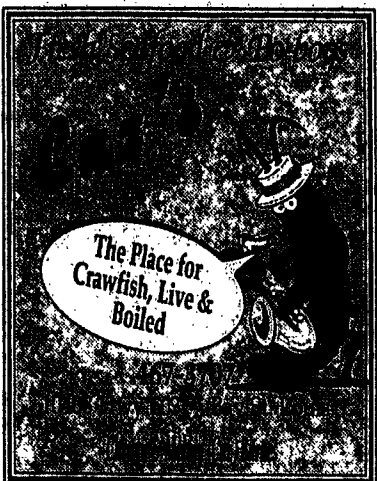
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Electric will be activating a team of challengers.

There are several other teams who have already signed up to participate, but it is not too late for others.

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## 'The Pass in the Night' set to kick off April 16

**THE SEA COAST ECHO**  
"The Pass in the Night" is a tri-annual celebration held in downtown Pass Christian.

It is sponsored by the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce and occurring the third Saturdays of the months of April, July, and October between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

"The Pass in the Night" is an outdoor street celebration bringing the community and business together highlighting the essence of Pass Christian. "The Pass in the Night" will showcase the richness of Pass Christian's culture, which will be experienced through the charm and beauty of the downtown area, exhibited by the talents, and interests of the community, and the hard work and inventiveness of the local businesses of the land and sea.

"The Pass in the Night" is open to everyone of all ages. It is a family atmosphere with lots to do. Local businesses, their employees, the residents, schools, Fire Dept., Police Dept., community leaders, religious organizations, clubs, other organizations, surrounding area business owners, surrounding area residents and all visitors are invited to come, participate, and enjoy the festivities.

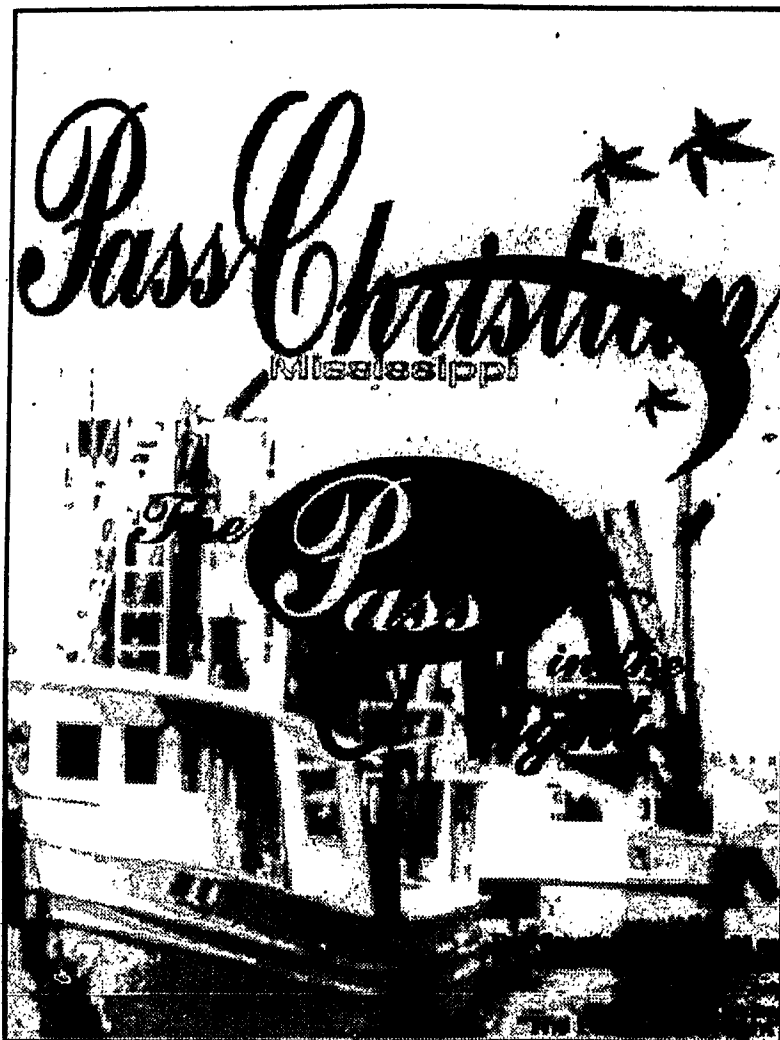
Each scheduled event will include music and entertainment of various types on a stage, and will vary in its participants and performers. Each event will include food and beverages provided by the presentations and sales of local restaurants and the non-professional food contestants. These foods may be eaten and enjoyed by relaxing at the created outdoor café. Additionally, each event will feature The Miss and Master Pass Christian Beauty Pageant with a supreme winner in the October event. Local businesses will also hold their businesses open during the event for an open-house and networking. Other activities of interest and appeal to groups of all ages will include other business and organization booths along the streets for sharing.

The location of the April, July and October events will be changed to move around the downtown area of Pass Christian for a full Pass Christian experience and allowing visitors and attendees to get familiar with the local businesses and industries that serve Pass Christian.

For more details contact the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce at 228-452-2252; Or Chairperson, Michelle Gilliam, Avery Gilliam Real Estate at 228.216.6999, or Email to michellegilliam@avery-gilliam.com.

**April 16, 2005 "The Pass in the Night" Pass Christian**

The first "Pass in the Night" event, happening on this April 16, will take place on the east side of downtown Pass Christian beginning at St. Paul Catholic Church, extending eastward and on to Davis Avenue and turning west on Second Street to St. Paul Street.



The evening's event will begin with a parade at 5 p.m. with activities lasting until 8 p.m. "The Pass in the Night" will include activities and things of interests to all ages. The agenda includes great food, beverages, music and entertainment. In the event of rain, the event will be canceled and no rain date will apply. Everyone will just have to wait until the next scheduled event date with the exception of the beauty pageant that will have a pre-arranged inside location.

This April 16, the music will feature a four piece band, "Red Velvet" playing jazz, pop, and dance sounds. The Coast Episcopal School will perform "Grease." The Youth Ms. And Master Pass Christian Beauty Pageant for babies to age 18 will be set up with a separate stage. The pageant will be a regular competition at the events in April, July, and with a Supreme winner chosen at the October event. During each event the local business and shop owners will hold an open house, allowing the attendees to visit, get acquainted, and make purchases. Other activities of interest include networking for business owners and employees, fun and games for the youth, and the Police Dept. and Fire Dept. will have a fire truck and police car available for the children to explore. In addition, Pass Christian Books is hosting a book signing for a visiting author; there will be tent set up for a plant swap and sale, art exhibition, and old movies from hurricane Camille to be played at the Historical Society Building. For other fun, at each event throughout the year there will be a non-professional cooking contest with judging by invited celebrity judges and with April's food theme being oysters and a different food choice at the next event.

Local restaurants to have booths with prepared food for tasting and purchase. Other activities include beer and wine tasting, multiple raffles, winner announcements for the beauty pageant, cooking contest, and raffles. Also, expected are booths set up by the local groups, clubs and organizations such as the Pass Christian Yacht Club Swim Team, local garden clubs which is another way the locals and visitors can come together and share. These and other surprises will be anticipated throughout the year.

### How To Participate

1) Come and enjoy the event. No entry fee.

2) Enter the cooking contest as a Non-professional Cooking Team. April's food theme is oysters. A \$25 entry fee will contribute to a monetary award to the Winners which will also hold the coveted title and trophy. A prize will also be awarded for team creativity and spirit. Contact the PC Chamber of Commerce for details and an entry form. Call 228-452-2252 or Chairperson, Michelle Gilliam, 228-216-6999.

3) Set up booth for your organization (No set up fee for Coast Chamber members and a \$25 fee for non-Chamber members.) Organization to bring their own tent tables / chairs and booth items.)

4) Enter the Youth Miss and Master Pass Christian Beauty Pageant. For boys and girls from babies to 18 years of age. A \$35 entry fee will contribute to a monetary award to the Winners which will also hold the coveted title and earn a trophy and other prizes.

5) Local Restaurants to set up food tables / booths. (No set up fee for Coast Chamber members and a \$25 fee for non-Chamber members.) Food to be sold by restaurants.

6) Perform on stage. Individuals or groups, organizations of all ages (chorus, thespians, dancers, etc.) may perform.

7) Present in the Art exhibition. (No set up fee for Coast Chamber members and a \$25 fee for non-Chamber members.)

8) Participate in the plant swap

9) Donate funds or items. Businesses, Individuals, and groups may donate some needed funds, prizes, equipment for use during the event, a raffle prize, and other types of donations and get public recognition for you.

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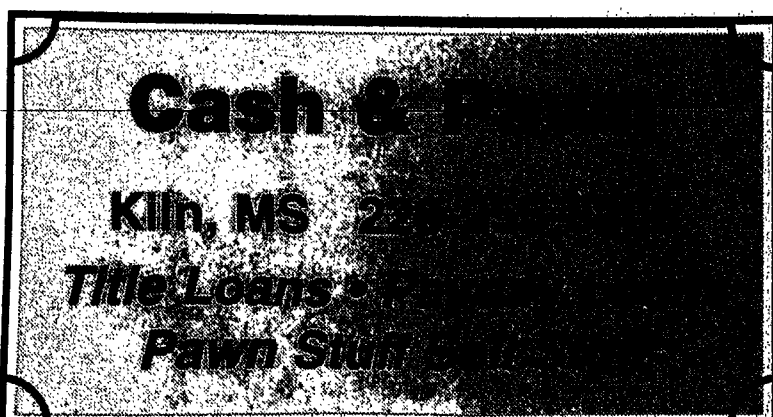
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## First Baptist Church hosts Revival services

First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis, 141 Main St., will host Revival services from Sunday, April 10 to Wednesday, April 13. On Sunday, the revival will be held at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.; Sunday evening at 6; and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m. nightly. The services will be led by Rev. Bill Barton, founder of Homes of Grace and pastor at Wade Baptist Church in Jackson Co. There will

also be an 11 a.m. Bible study and lunch on Wed.





## FRIENDS of the Animal Shelter



Above: Carol Strohmetz, president of Friends of the Animal Shelter in Hancock County, presents Kendra Mayo of Mayo's Air Conditioning & Heating Inc. with a plaque for becoming a Corporate Member of the organization.

Carol Strohmetz presents Robert Kane of McDonald Realty with a plaque for becoming a corporate member of FRIENDS.



## Airport

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"Of course there are a lot of ifs," said Hancock County Port and Harbor Director Hal Walters. "In order to build the plant EADS must win the bid for the manufacture of the KC-38."

EADS will be competing with Boeing for the Air Force contract to manufacture the airborne tanker plane. EADS is the parent company of Air Bus, one of the largest aircraft manufacturers in the world. But whether the company wins the contract or not, they plan to build the design center, said Walters, and they want to locate in an area where there is room for expansion.

Stennis can definitely meet the criteria for expansion. The company will need

plenty of space to locate its 1.5 million square foot facility. Stennis has set aside about 200 acres at the north west end of the runway bordering Texas Flat Rd.

Proposed additions to the 8,500 by 150 foot runway would bring the length to 10,000 feet, meeting EADS requirement of a 9,000 by 150 foot runway. Both the present taxiway and the runway meet the 73,000 pound rolling load limit, Walters said. Other requirements are easy access to a deep water port and easy access to the airport site. Parts as large as 23 feet high and 111 feet long will need to be transported from the port to the site, requiring the access road to be at least as wide as two traffic

lanes.

Other contenders along the coast include a proposed new airport at Panama City, FL., the former Belle Chase Navy Base in New Orleans, LA. and World War II Air Force Base Mobile Brookley in Mobile, AL.

## Storms

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were also twisted by the tornados.

Like much of unincorporated Hancock County, Bayside Park lacks a drainage system. Cuevas said that many of the roads would remain flooded until the water evaporated or sank back into the soil.

Bayside Park is listed as an extremely high-risk area for most insurance companies due to its low elevation and lack of a professional fire department.

Despite the damage and the flooding, Cuevas said it could have been much worse.

"We had one Tornado touch down, and skip over Gulfview Elementary," he said.

Local fire crews and the Sheriff's Department briefly restricted traffic through Bayside Park to emergency crews and residents in order to expedite efforts to restore power and phone service to the area.

Workmen from BellSouth and Mississippi Power had power and phone service up and running by early evening on Wednesday.

## Jimmy Buffet book is topic at Book Club

A Salty Piece of Land by Jimmy Buffett is the topic of discussion at the Second Friday Book Club on Friday, April 8, at 10 a.m. at the Kiln Public Library.

The book club is cosponsored by the Kiln Public Library and Gloria Burlette. The group meets each month to discuss a different book, normally one from the best seller list.

The library system's Easy Access Catalog can be accessed through the World Wide Web at [www.hancock.lib.ms.us](http://www.hancock.lib.ms.us). Click the Online Catalog button on

the library's home page to gain access to the library's more than 115,000 resources available 24/7.

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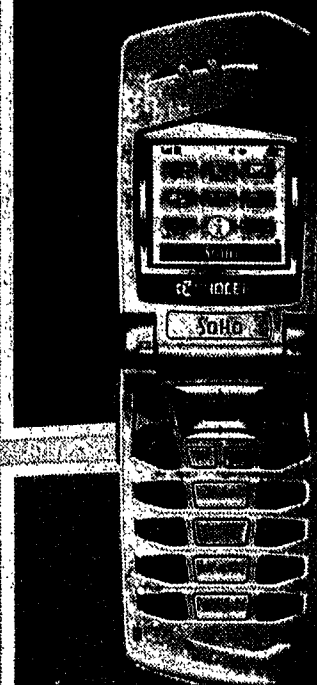
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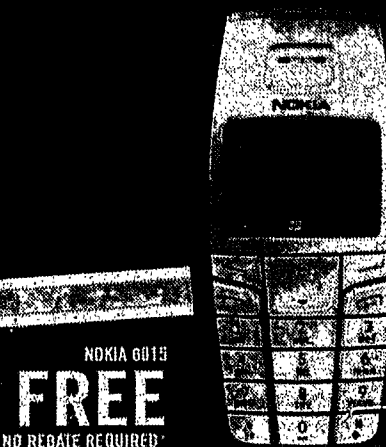
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## Obituaries

### ELVIRA CARVER OPAL HICKMAN KISIAH MORAN WILLIAM SHARP JURLINE SPENCER

**ELVIRA CARVER**  
Elvira Vivian Bourgeois Carver, 87, of Hancock County, MS, died Saturday, April 2, 2005, in Diamondhead, MS.

She was born in Waveland, MS, and was a lifelong resident of Hancock County, MS. She was of the Catholic faith and a member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland, MS.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Carver, parents, Joseph and Nancy Bourgeois, brother, Theo Bourgeois, and a sister, Esther Bush.

She is survived by her son, Ernest Carver, Jr. and wife, Diane of Waveland, MS, 2 daughters, Rosalee C. Bosch of New Orleans, LA, Joy C. VanVoorhis and husband Mike of Destrehan, LA, sister, Marietta Holden of Bay St. Louis, MS, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and 3 great great grandchildren.

The visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. with Recitation of the Rosary at 7 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS. The prayer service will be on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, at 1 p.m. at the Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Waveland Cemetery in

Waveland, MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, MS is in charge of the arrangements.

**OPAL HICKMAN**  
Opal T. Hickman, 88, died Monday, April 4, 2005 at Cornerstone North Retirement Center, Lafayette, LA.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Bob Hickman, and her sister, Winnie Amy.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary-Therese Hickman of Dallas, TX; one sister, Sylvia Young of Mamou, LA; and two brothers, J.A. Tubre and Bobby Tubre, both of Metairie, LA.

Visiting hours will be observed on Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will continue on Wednesday from 8 a.m. until the time of services at 9 a.m. A Rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at a 9 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church. Interment will take place at 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 6, 2005 at Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Kiln, Mississippi.

Delhomme Funeral Home, 1314 Moss Street,

Lafayette is in charge of all funeral arrangements.

**KISIAH MORAN**  
Kisiah Anvina Moran, 70, of Picayune, MS, died Thursday, March 31, 2005, in Crosby Memorial Hospital.

She was a native of Natchitoches, LA. She was a homemaker and member of the Rose of Sharon Church.

She is survived by husband Wilbert Moran, Sr., of Picayune, MS; 6 daughters Virena Simmons, Octavia Spikes, Valerie Jones, Karly Moran, all of Picayune, MS; Tanyel Moran of Houston, TX; and Joyce K. Powell of Fort Washington, MD; son Wilbert Moran, Jr., of Picayune, MS; 3 sisters Velista Benjamin and Rev. Gladys Myers, both of Johnston, PA, and Veltra Spann of Jackson, LA; 3 brothers Justus Benjamin, Alexandria, LA, Thomas Benjamin, West Lake, LA, and George Benjamin, Jr., Natchitoches, LA.

Visitation will be Wednesday, April 6, 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Rose of Sharon Church of God in Christ. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. followed by burial in the Picayune Cemetery.

Baylous Funeral Home of Picayune, MS, is in charge of the arrangements.

**WILLIAM SHARP**  
William "Billy Joe" Sharp, 63, of Pearlinton,

MS, died Monday, April 4, 2005, in Pearlinton, MS.

He was born August 22, 1941 in Philadelphia, MS, and was a longtime resident of Pearlinton. He was of the Catholic faith and a retired National Guard veteran. He was the owner and operator of Sharp's Trucking Company of Pearlinton.

He is preceded in death by his parents Willie J. and Pauline Mae Jayroe Sharp, and brother Homer Sharp.

He is survived by his wife Susie B. Sharp of Pearlinton, MS, son William J. Sharp of Pearlinton, MS, 2 daughters Deborah Jean Mitchell and Ann McKee, both of Slidell, LA, brother Jerry Milton Sharp of Philadelphia, MS, 3 sisters Martha Barrett, Mary White, and Wanda Danner all of Philadelphia, MS, 5 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2005, at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearlinton, MS on Hwy. 604. The family requests in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Hospice Care of LA-MS, 770 Gauze Blvd., Slidell, LA 70458.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

**JURLINE SPENCER**  
Jurline Spencer, 54, of

Pearlington, MS, died April 1, 2005, in Hancock Medical Center.

She was a native of Pearlinton and a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by 3 daughters Leslie Peterson of New Orleans, LA, Tiffany Spencer of Bay St. Louis, MS, Latessa Spencer of Waveland, MS, son Herbert Spencer III of Waveland, MS, 2 sisters Ada Hodges Lester of Bay St. Louis, MS, Myra Davis of New Orleans, LA, 4 brothers Robert Fulton of Bay St. Louis, MS, Prince Fulton, Cottonport, LA, Elder Hubert O'Neal Fulton of Bay St. Louis, MS, Willie Lee, Jr., of Slidell, LA, and 9 grandchildren.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 9, 2005, from 10 to 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church. Funeral services will begin at 11 a.m. followed by burial at Logtown Cemetery.

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## Statement from Most Reverend Thomas J. Rodi upon the death of Pope John Paul II

BY REV. THOMAS J. RODI

Bishop, Biloxi Diocese

The Roman Catholic Church has lost a great shepherd, and the world has lost a great man. He will leave his mark on the history of our Church and our world. His was an extraordinary ministry of priestly service to the faithful of the Church and to the people of the world.

Pope John Paul II earned world-wide respect by his gentle and wise leadership, his spiritual depth and example, and his courageous proclamation of the message of Jesus Christ. He led the Church with strength and faith. He courageously preached the faith handed on through the Church. As the successor of St. Peter, he was truly the "Rock."

Few, if any, did as much to bring about the fall of Communism and the end of

the Cold War. Mikhail Gorbachev, of Communist Russia, called John Paul II the moral leader of the world.

The Holy Father will be remembered for many things, but especially for his defense of the dignity of human life and his love for youth.

Having endured the terrors of the Nazis and the Communists in his native Poland, he saw first hand the horrors that result when the individual human life is no longer protected. He spoke fearlessly in defense of every individual life, especially the unborn, the sick, the disabled, and the elderly.

His delight in the youth of the Church was evident from his gatherings with them and his messages to them, the manner in which he reached out to youth, the way he spoke with them and embraced them.

He reached out to people of all faiths, seeking better relations with all people of good will. He was the first pope to visit countries which are predominantly Orthodox Christian. He rescinded the centuries-old excommunication of the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople. He established theological commissions to foster fruitful dialog with Protestant denominations.

He was the first pope since Peter to visit a Jewish synagogue. He apologized to the Jewish people for the persecution of Jews perpetrated by those bearing the name Christian. At Assisi, he brought together representatives of all the major religions of the world to pray for peace.

His most moving sermon was the one he preached through the example he gave during his final illness. With great dignity and

patience, he continued to show his faith in the Lord while visibly coping with great pain. In doing so, he gave us an example of a man of faith convinced in the redemptive power of suffering, and solidarity with all who endure afflictions of any kind.

The Church and the world were richly blessed by the priesthood and papacy of Pope John Paul II. I am convinced history will point to him as one of the great popes of the Church.

Although I am deeply saddened by the news of the Holy Father's death, I thank God for the pope's leadership of the Church during these past 26 years. Having shared with him faith in the Lord's promise of eternal life, let us now, with the confidence of that faith, entrust him to the light, the peace, and the joy of God's presence.

## 'Paws in the Pass' set for April 16

The Humane Society is in the throws of planning its 4th Annual Paws in the Pass event at the War Memorial Park in Pass

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The event begins at 10 a.m. and will have food vendors, such as Blow Fly Inn and Domino's Pizza, games such as Bobbin for Weiners, Biscuit Toss and Fun contests for all including the Best Trick and Owner Look A Likes. There are great prizes for the people that

have registered and their companions.

Registrants who raise the most pledges can win a day of pampering for themselves and their pets or a table for 10 at the Tiki Goes to the Dogs event held at the Beau Rivage, or a supply of frontline for your pet and much more. Plus the top participants will be on the court for next year's "Pawrade".

The fun will drum up as the band begins at 10 a.m., so grab your pets and their best outfits, and come Pass A Good Time at the Paws in the Pass on April 16, 2005.

Pre-registration for the first dog is \$15 and \$10 for the second, \$5 for each dog after that. Registration at the door is \$20 for the first dog, \$15 for the second and \$10 for each dog after that.

If you have any questions or would like additional information or a registration form please contact Linda at 228-863-4394.

### Bay High class of '95 to reunite

Bay High School Class of 1995 reunion is scheduled for July 22 and 23, 2005. Classmates who are in need of information are asked to contact Amy at 228-586-1106.

### Church yard sale set for Saturday

Old Spanish Trail Baptist Church, 5078 Hwy. 90 West Service Rd. will host a yard sale Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. Fill a bag for \$1.

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# Business News

## Grand Opening at Diamondhead



The Hancock Chamber of Commerce joined the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association on March 24 for the grand opening of three new member businesses, Prestige Fitness, Sports Mad and The Jumping Bean Coffee Shop. Hosts were David Malley, Chris Swartzendruber, Mark Schmidt, Dale Jennings and Peter Smits. The businesses are all located in the Prestige Fitness Center building, 1055 Tina Ladner - Vic Faye Rd., at the intersection of Kapalama Drive and Tina Ladner-Vic Faye Road. Among those pictured are Heather Dubuison, Tish Williams, Debbie Jennings, Roland Smits, Dale Jennings, Peter Smits, Jack Evans, Macalysse Evans, Cynthia Karube, Chris Swartzendruber, Jennifer Robotti, Brandy Everett, David Malley, Judy Paige, Janine Malley, Hoppy Smith, Stephanie Schmidt, Mark Schmidt, T. Brashear, Jon Hall and Ashley Boone.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

## Equal opportunity officer traveled diverse path to Sennis Space Center

"Your road to success should always be under construction" is a favorite quote of NASA's Jo Ann Larson, whose own road has led her from coast to coast and finally to NASA's Sennis Space Center (SSC) in South Mississippi.

Larson, SSC's diversity and equal opportunity officer, is responsible for programs that promote equal employment opportunities for applicants and employees without regard to age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or disability. She also manages programs for women, minorities, veterans and persons with disabilities; and resolves employee concerns about discrimination.

"My average day can involve interacting with employees who have questions regarding issues, personnel situations and general questions about making their jobs easier," Larson said. "The workforce at Sennis is very cooperative and very involved in their work, and the most enjoyable part of my work is interacting with them."

Larson, a native of North Arlington, NJ, held positions across the country before making her current home in Mandeville, LA. From the New York City suburbs to the nation's capital and the high deserts of California, Larson has traveled a diverse path to NASA and SSC. She has a wide range of experience in government service, including stints with the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Army, Navy and Air Force.

"Throughout my federal career, I'd always get anx-

ious to move on, but I've been with NASA since 1991, so that says a lot about my commitment to this agency," Larson said. "When I participate in public speaking or community outreach, I'm always proud to represent NASA. My whole experience with the agency has been wonderful, and I've been lucky to expose my children to NASA as they were growing up."

She began her NASA career at Dryden Flight Research Center in Edwards, CA, as a human resource manager, and then transitioned into the Equal Opportunity Programs Office. As Dryden's Minority University program manager, she acted as liaison between Dryden and historically black colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges and other minority universities. She also served as manager of the Native American and Individuals with Disabilities special-emphasis programs.

When NASA Headquarters asked Larson to consider a detail at SSC last summer, she never thought she would move again. But within two months of temporary duty as diversity and equal opportunity officer in the balmy Deep South, she was selling her house in California and making the transition permanent.

"It was the hottest two months of the year, which was a shock, but it was the people that sold me; I fell in love with the area," Larson said. "And I felt that within those two months, I had

been able to make a difference."

She looks forward to continuing that effort in her work at SSC. She said, "Besides assisting NASA with diversity management, I intend to look at ways of improving overall NASA culture from an equal opportunity perspective."

Being part of this NASA family is exciting and rewarding, and the highlight of my career."

Larson's road to success may still be under construction, but she knows that the road so far has led her to where she wants to be: NASA and Sennis Space Center.

## Charbonnet, Taconi receive realty license

Real Estate Examinations were held for the month of March 2005 in Jackson for those persons desiring to enter the field of real estate, sales, rentals, and other related activities.

Thirty-seven individuals, including Millicent Charbonnet of Harrison County and Robert Taconi of Hancock County, sitting for the salespersons examination successfully completed the requirements and will now be awarded the salesperson license.

The examination consists of 100 questions prepared by the American College Testing Services (ACT) for Real Estate License Law Officials across the United States and Canada.

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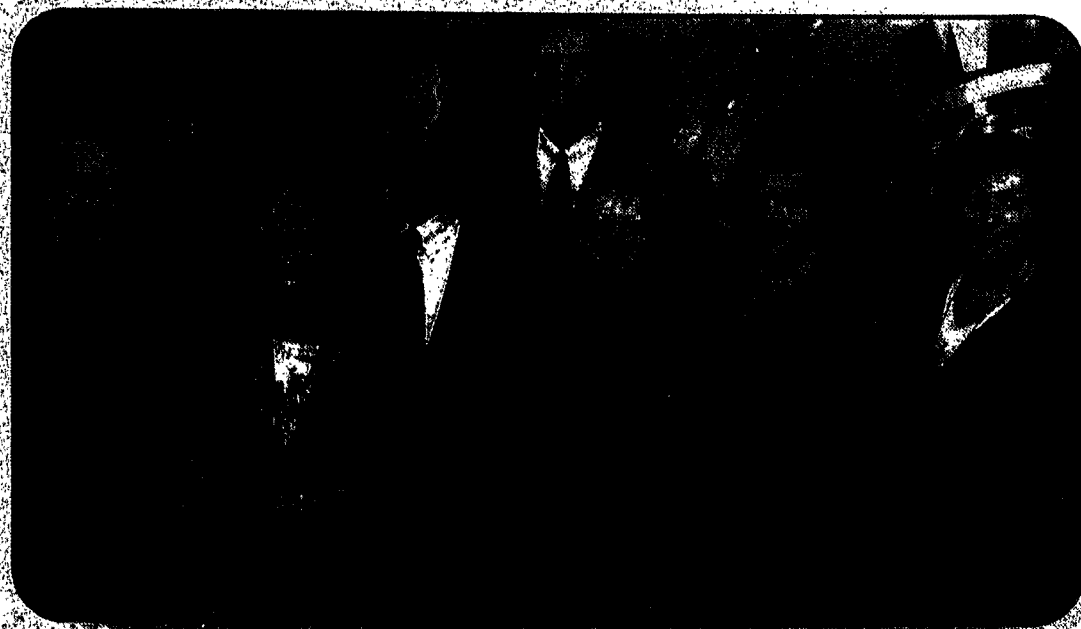
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## Unemployment rate drops

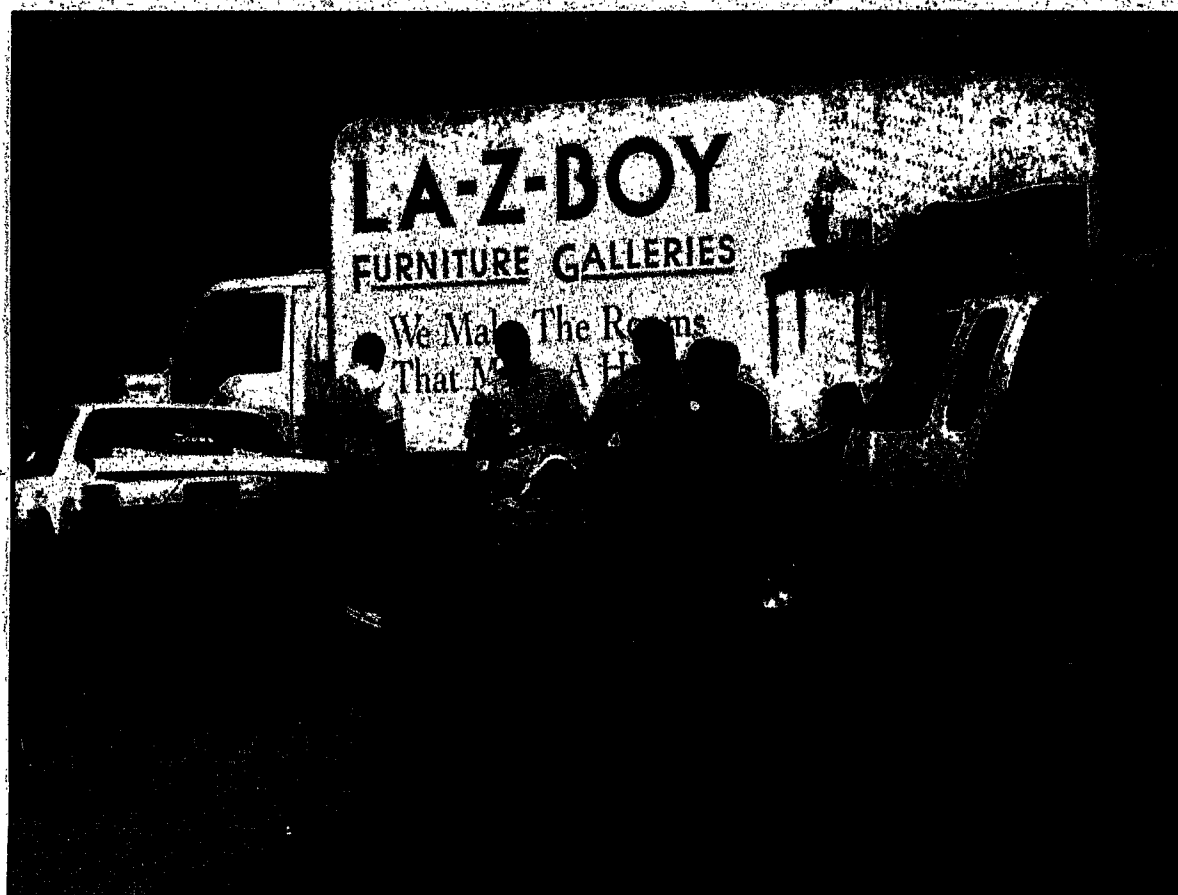
The state's unemployment rate improved as the number of people working across the state rose by more than 11,000, and the number of unemployed Mississippians dropped by 11,800 the Mississippi Department of Employment Security (MDES) announced Thursday.

February's unadjusted rate of 6.9 percent was down .9 of a percentage point from January's revised rate of 7.8 percent but up 1.5 percentage points from February's rate of 5.4 percent a year ago.

The Nation's unadjusted rate of 5.8 percent was up from January's rate of 5.7 percent while the national adjusted rate of 5.4 percent was up by .2 points.



# CRASH ON HWY. 603



**A La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries truck collided with a car on Hwy. 803 across from Todd's Mini-Mart near Bayou LaCrosse at around noon on Monday. The driver of the truck was transported to Hancock Medical Center for treatment. No further information was available at press time yesterday.**

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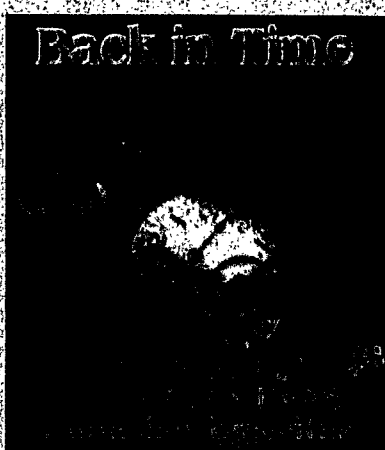


# Community

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## Bay man says our jail is the best on the Coast



**TEN YEARS AGO**  
March 30, 1995  
Lakeshore Road needs to be upgraded, but there's not a need to make it a four-lane route at this time, say some area officials. Jubilee Casino's general manager John E. Kingsbury thinks the four-lane idea is a terrific one. Lakeshore, a 4.6 mile link between Highway 90 and Beach Boulevard, is the main access to Jubilee Casino. The road is listed in new legislation that authorizes four-laning of several routes in the state.

The Fall will in a new era of transportation for the Bay-Waveland School District. And a second consecutive year of time changes. The school board on Monday unanimously voted to void itself from the transportation business by awarding a contract to Ladilaw, Inc., to bus the schools' 2,500 students. "We are in the education business," Superintendent Paul Tisdale said. "We have had to devote a lot of time (to transportation). A fallout of privatization is a second consecutive time change for students. The board tentatively approved starting times of 7:30 a.m. for the high school and junior high and 6 a.m. for elementary and middle schools.

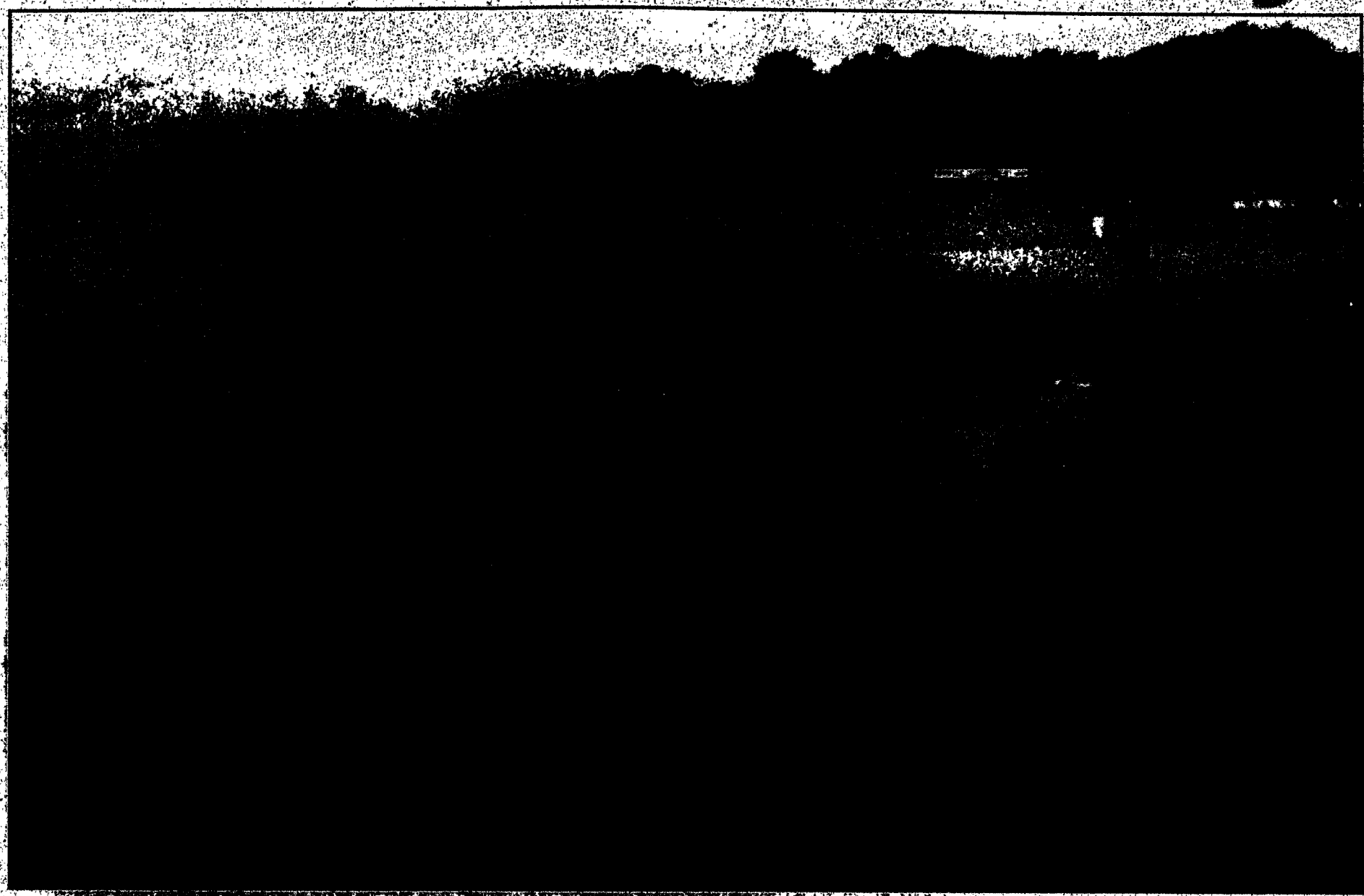
### TWENTY YEARS AGO

March 31 1985 - Officers and members of the board of directors were named at the organizational meeting for the Hancock County Youth Center Commission. Temporary officers named include Herta Smith, president; Judith Childs, secretary; Eartha Acker, treasurer; and Calvin Smith, public relations. These Hancock County residents met Tuesday along with Robert Welz, Bay Auxiliary police chief; Ronald Peterson, Hancock County Sheriff; Willie C. Acker, Gary Griffin, Bay City Councilman; Percy McKay and Sid Sandoz to discuss plans for a centrally located county-wide youth center.

The U.S. Postal Service has taken no actions to close post offices in Clermont Harbor and Lakeshore. According to Norman Dille, manager of the postal service's sectional center in Gulfport, a letter listing the two post offices as among those for closure originated with the National Association of Postmasters. "The people in these communities have been alarmed for no reason. What we're hearing is some old information."

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## Second Saturday



Award-winning photographer Mary Beth Landry will be the featured artist at Stained Glass By Richie, 131 Main St. Suite D, for the Second Saturday Artwalk on April 9.

## Artwalk 2005

The downtown Bay St. Louis merchants invite you to join them for Second Saturday Artwalk 2005. From 5 to 8 p.m. there will be live music, artists' receptions at the galleries, refreshments, and late evening shopping. There are more than 40 galleries, shops, and restaurants for your enjoyment.

### HOT SPOTS

LuLu Eats and Entertains, 100 N. Beach. Proprietors Nancy Moynan and Cyndi "LuLu" Mirambell will be celebrating their grand opening in style with plenty of delicious gourmet food samples, wine and Blue Crab award-winning Bloody Mary's. LuLu's is located in the mall at 100 N. Beach Blvd. and boasts a beautiful selection of gourmet food and drink, fine tabletop, and home and kitchen accessories.

Also, you will find an array of Nancy's black and white photography and slate work.

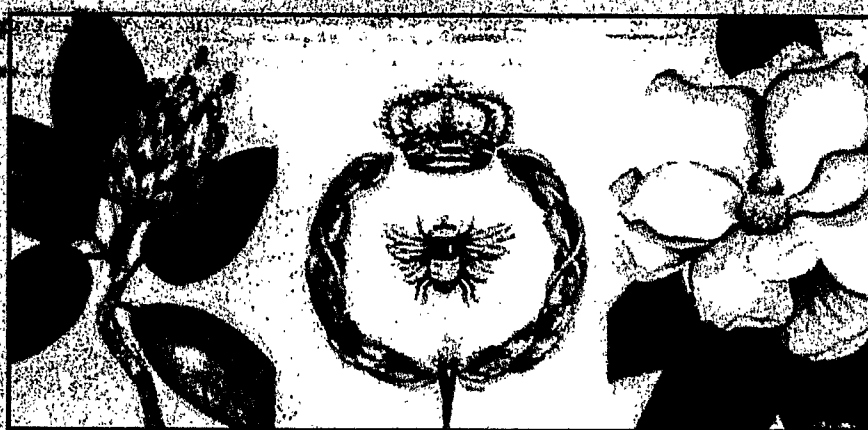
Stained Glass by Richie, 131 Main St., Suite D. The featured artist this month at Stained Glass By Richie will be photographer Mary Anderson. Mary received an Outstanding Achievement Award in the Mississippi Photography Competition for 2005. Her work features scenes of Gulf Coast sunsets, pelicans, and seagulls. Also

displayed are stained glass panels created by Richie Zitzmann and Tony Barlow, along with blown glass paperweights and hummingbird feeders by Russell Voss. In addition, the shop features paintings by Brother Carl, watercolors by Pat Ward and handmade copper and brass jewelry by Suzanne Juneau.

The Kid Company 211 Main St. The Kid Company features The Lumpkin Ceramic Collection. Each piece is individually hand painted by their featured artist Susan Lumpkin. Her collection includes baby plates, crosses, piggy banks, dinnerware and other wonderfully designed pieces. Also for your entertainment, Mary Beth Landry from Houma will be in the spotlight. Her sound is sure to get you dancing.

The Food Fairy "Cricket Duet" will be creating a crawfish pasta dish that you won't want to miss. They also carry a wide variety of children's merchandise that includes clothing, toys and more. The toy selection includes puppets, kites, Boyd's Bears, Gund stuffed animals and a variety of other fun toys for children. The clothing includes both dress up and play outfits.

Peoples Bank will sponsor the music of "Silver City" in the 100 block of Main St.



## Watercolorist Nona Lee brings Spring to the Bay

Maggie May's celebrates spring with the beautiful watercolors of native Mississippi artist Nona Lee. Ms. Lee will open her month long show during the Second Saturday Artwalk on April 9th at 126 Main Street in Old Town Bay St. Louis.

Nona Lee's wonderful life as an artist began in Lyon, Mississippi. Affirming that her ability to paint is a God-given talent, she believes that she was always meant to be an artist. On her artistic journey she has found that she can express herself through pencil,

pen and ink, etching, oil painting, mixed media, and watercolors.

Much of Nona Lee's pen and ink artwork was inspired by her time as a resident and gallery owner in New Orleans, French Quarter. Her art and framing business, The Lyon House on Royal Street, allowed her the opportunity to be involved in the life of her art from inception to sale.

After leaving the French Quarter, Nona Lee and her husband Vance moved to Japan. The beauty of the country and its people, as well as

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## Chinese snowball viburnum wins state Medallion award

It won't be long now until landscapes across the state are alive with color. Certainly the azaleas will be putting on its usual show, but so will the 2005 Mississippi Medallion Award-winning Chinese snowball viburnum.

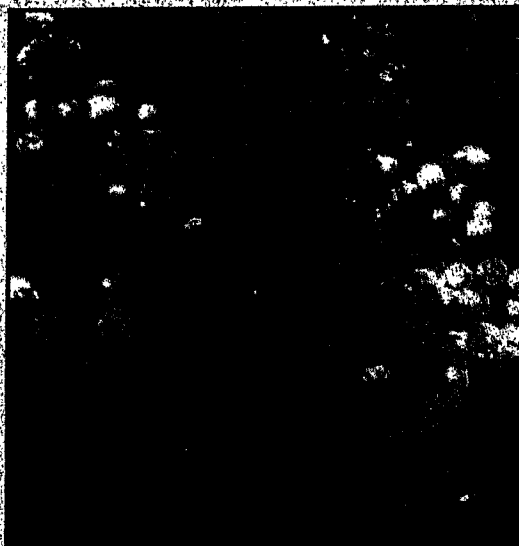
There are a lot of good viburnums, but with its white, snowball-like flowers, the Chinese snowball (Viburnum macrocephalum) is the showiest. This plant is always for



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sale, but in small quantities, rarely meeting demand. The Mississippi Plant Selections Committee chose this old-fashioned plant a winner not only

because it has stood the test of time and is superior, but also because it needed to be put back into production at a quantity deserving



Try planting the snowball viburnum behind or in combination with azaleas. It performs best in the same moist by well-drained shady environment that azaleas prefer, and it makes an incredible companion plant, usually blooming in sequence with Southern Indica azaleas.

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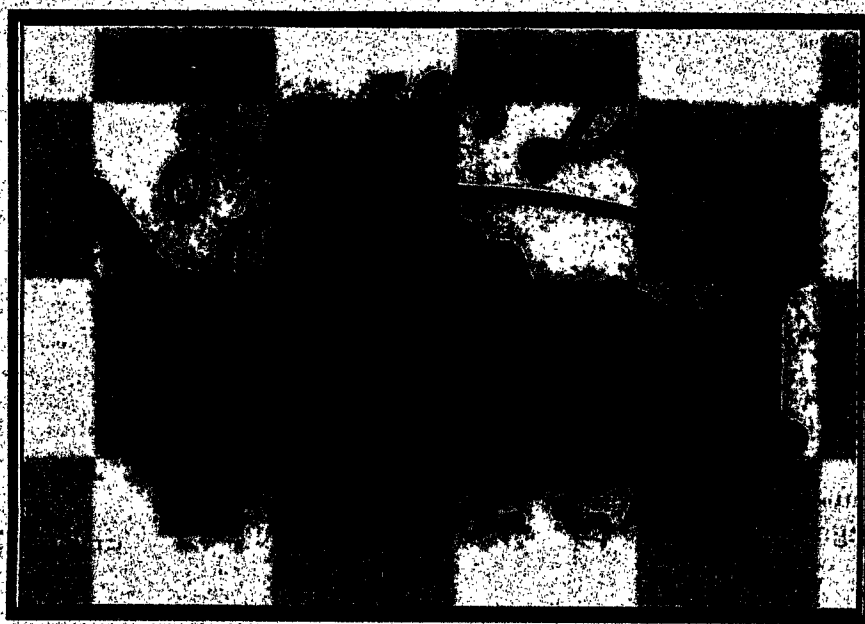
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Mississippi Action for Progress, Inc. (M.A.P.), a non-profit child care organization, is currently accepting applications for the 2005-2006 school year. All children who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2005, are eligible and encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted Mon.-Fri. between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at Bay-

Waveland Head Start Center at 301 Necaise Avenue, Bay St. Louis. For more call, 467-3285. The following information will be needed to complete the process: Certified Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Proof of 2004 Income, Compliance Letter from Health Department (Form 121), and Medicaid or Insurance Card.

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Their sandwich selection is varied and consists of a Blackened chicken or Mahi Mahi served lemon pepper or butter dill, a 12" ham and cheese or turkey club, a 12" cheese steak, 1/4lb all beef hot dog, grilled cheese, or their sausage deluxe which is mustard, sourkraut, cheese and bacon.

That 50's Diner also offers heaping platters for that extra hearty appetite. Choose from 16oz ribeye, 8oz Mahi Mahi, 12oz chicken or 16oz sausage. All platters served with your choice of 2 cajun potatoes or 2 potato cakes, veggie and Texas Toast. Those potato cakes are sure to be a favorite - you've got to try them!

Watching the scale? That 50's Diner has something for you too. They offer a wonderful selection of salads. Seven to be exact, ranging from a chef salad to a greek salad - all freshly prepared with crisp greens and your favorite choice of savory dressings.

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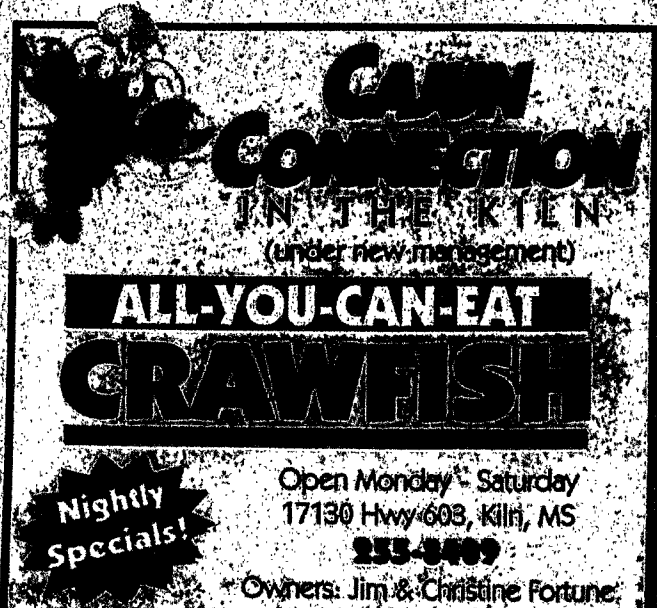
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# Sports

## Tigers sweep Stanislaus in season series with 12-1 win

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers invoked the 10-run rule on the St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws Tuesday night for a 12-1 win at the Fred Weems Athletic Complex. The win kept Bay High atop the Division 8-4A rankings with a 7-1 division record and 9-10 mark overall.

Cory Jordan got the win on the mound for the Tigers as he allowed just two hits for SSC (2-7, 11-11) in four and one-half innings of work. Bay High pounded out 13 hits and scored in every inning.

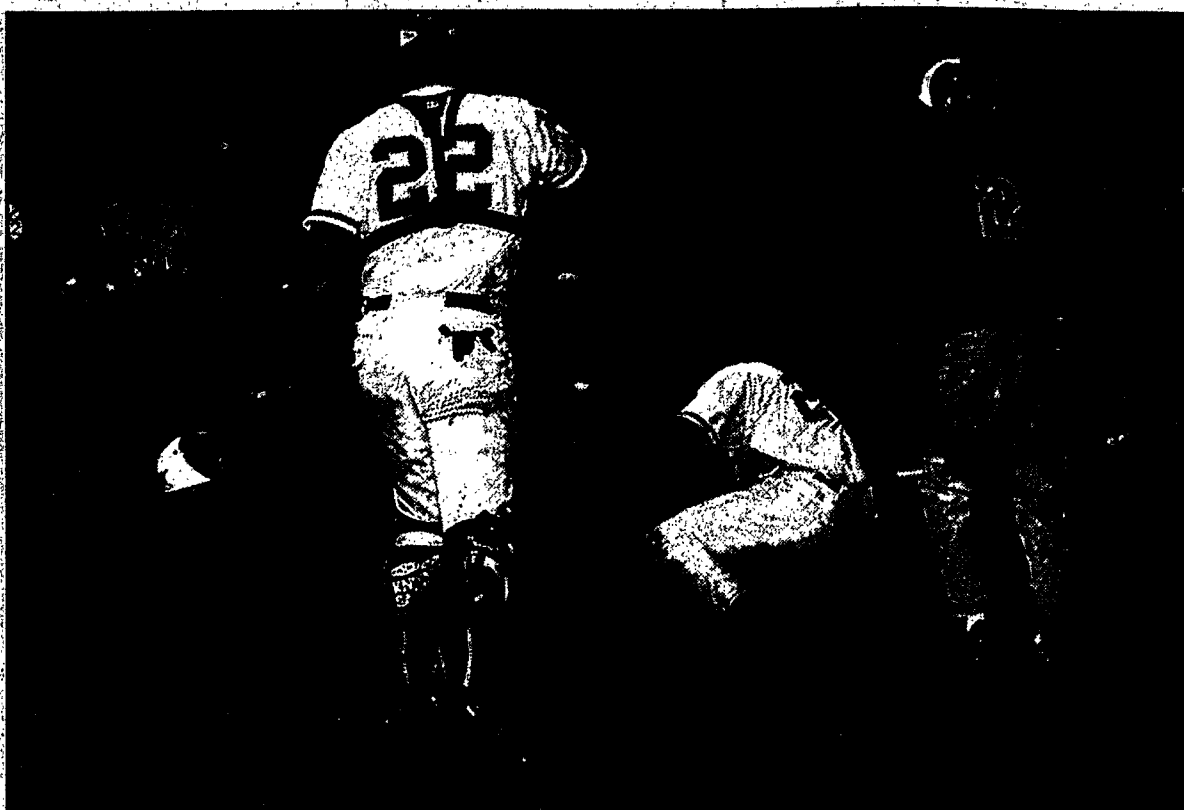
Bay High head coach Mike Weems stated, "We, as a coaching staff, are so proud of how hard these kids have worked. Tonight, we had some huge performances. Cory Jordan threw a two-hitter, which was crucial in our win. Defensively, we played very well. We were aggressive on the bases, stealing several times. Offensively, we hit the ball extremely well. We got hits with runners on base and got timely hits, as well. The team has one goal in mind and that is to finish strong."

SSC started the game off with a lead-off single by Brooks Breland; however, the next hit for SSC came with two outs in the top of the fifth. Brennan Thomas singled to centerfield. Thomas also scored the Rocks' only run of the game in the third inning when he crossed the plate on a past ball.

Bay High opened the game with four consecutive hits that turned into three runs. David Buckley, Trevor Adam and Kyle Sick all got hits. Jordan singled home Buckley and Trevor Adam before Brad Ladner drove in the third run with a sacrifice fly.

In the second inning, Sick doubled home two runs to make the score 5-0 after two innings.

In the third inning, Bay High batted around the lineup and scored four runs. Steven Thebeau hit a solo



SSC's right fielder Bret Thomas crosses the plate in the dirt as Bay High's pitcher Cory Jordan (20) attempts a tag and catcher Brad Ladner (22) watches. The Rock a Chaws lost 12 to 1 in Tuesday night's game against the Bay High Tigers.

round-tripper over the left-field fence to make the score 6-1. Chris Billingsley and Colby Adam reached on an error and a walk, respectively. Buckley singled home Billingsley with two outs and Trevor Adam drove in Colby Adam on an error. Sick singled home Buckley to end the scoring in the third with Bay High ahead 9-1.

In the fourth inning, Ladner led off with a single and Billingsley drove in pinch-runner Zack Thompson on a sacrifice fly. Colby Adam and Ricky Manieri both advanced to first base after being hit by a pitch. Buckley ended the Bay High scoring with a two-run triple to the center-field wall that made the score 12-1.

SSC head coach Mark Logan commented, "They outplayed us in every phase of the game. The Tigers hit the ball well, especially with runners on base."

Buckley and Sick led the Tigers at the plate with each one going 3-for-3 and three RBIs.

On Monday night, the Bay High Tigers defeated the Gautier Gators on the road; however, scoring

details were unavailable. The Bay High/Gautier game had previously been scheduled for Friday night but was moved to Monday evening due to flooded fields from the torrential rains that passed through the area last Thursday.

In other recent action on the diamond, Pass Christian lost to East Central 10-2 on Saturday, April 2nd. Pass Christian took a 1-0 lead in the first inning and added another run in the seventh; however, East Central scored twice in the third inning to take the lead for good.

The Hornets scored once in the fifth and seven runs in the seventh to make the final score.

On Friday, April 1st the Rocks defeated Pensacola-Woodham 6-2. Brooks Breland got the win on the mound for SSC.

Woodham scored in the first inning to take a 1-0 lead. SSC answered in the second inning tying the game at 1-1. Each team scored a run in the fourth inning to remain knotted at 2-2.

The Rocks broke the tie with four runs in the fifth inning to seal the win.

Brian Whitman hit a three-run dinger while Lee Klein and Tyler Henry each got doubles in the game.

On Saturday, April 2nd the Rocks split a pair of games with Florida opponents. SSC lost to Navarre 3-2 and defeated Fort Walton Beach 5-3.

Brooks Breland tallied three hits in the loss to Navarre while Whitman drove in four runs on three hits against Fort Walton Beach.

In upcoming action, the Bay High Tigers take to the road on Friday and Saturday against Pass Christian and Long Beach, respectively.

The Rock-a-chaws travel to D'Iberville for division action on Friday night and return home on Saturday against Pascagoula.

The Hancock Hawks played at Picaune on Tuesday evening but no scoring details were available. The Hawks return to action on Tuesday night against Oak Grove in Kiln.

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[www.eteamz.com/hancock-county11](http://www.eteamz.com/hancock-county11)

If you have not registered yet, applications will be accepted until draft time. Those registering after teams are selected will be placed in the 'player pool' and assigned to teams when/if space becomes available. No new teams will be formed after draft is

completed. The league also seeks volunteers who are interested in rewarding participation in a worthy community program. If you have some free time and would like to volunteer to support the youth of our community, please attend the tryouts or contact Herb at 467-1291 or Walter at 467-6598 for more details.

## Pass Christian Ladies Golf Assoc.

March 29, 2005, Front 9-1/2 handicap: 1. Kay Wingate, 2. Ann Love 3. Kay Love, 4. Janice Preble, 5. Doris Lackie, 6. Debbie Wolf.  
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Vanessa R. Shiyou and Hank Martinez

## Shiyou-Martinez

Vanessa R. Shiyou of Bay St. Louis, MS, and Hank Martinez of Waveland, MS, announce their engagement and upcoming marriage.

The prospective bride is the daughter of Theresa B. Shiyou of Bay St. Louis. She is a graduate of Coast Episcopal High School in Pass Christian, MS. She graduated from Pearl River Community College and will graduate in May with a Bachelor of Business from William Carey College.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martinez of Waveland, MS, and Sue Schneider of Houston, TX. He is a graduate of Bishop

Sullivan in Baton Rouge, LA. He served four years in the US Marine Corps and graduated with honors from the University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering and Construction. He is presently employed with his family own business, GM&R Construction in Waveland.

The marriage will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey of 845 East Beach Blvd., Pass Christian, MS, at 4 p.m. on April 9, 2005. A reception will immediately follow at the Palace in the Pass.

## Garden

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ing of an outstanding landscape performer.

In previous years the committee has chosen other old-fashioned plants like the lilac chaste tree, or vitex, and the native oakleaf hydrangea.

So when you start shopping this spring at your local garden center, in addition to looking for the "latest and greatest," look for a plant that is an heirloom and a 2005 Mississippi Medallion award winner, the Chinese snowball viburnum.

The snowball viburnum produces 6- to 8-inch glistening white blossoms. A close examination shows the bloom is really made of dozens of 1-inch florets.

The blossoms almost resemble a cheerleader's pom-poms. While three or four flowers would make a dramatic statement, know that the Chinese snowball produces them by the scores. It might make you wonder how the plant supports all of the huge blossoms.

The Chinese snowball is a large shrub, well suited for large gardens where it can be enjoyed from a distance. It can reach 10 feet tall in five or six years.

It's evident that Mississippi gardeners love the snowball because it often receives a prime spot in the middle of the front yard all by itself. Without a

doubt, it commands attention in this situation — especially when it blooms.

Aesthetically speaking, I prefer to plant it behind or in combination with azaleas. It performs best in the same moist but well-drained shady environment where you would grow an azalea, and it makes an incredible companion plant, usually blooming in sequence with the Southern Indica azaleas.

Prepare a bed for both azaleas and viburnums by working in 3 to 4 inches of organic matter like compost or humus. Another good option is to plant on raised beds and bring in prepared landscape planting mixes available at most garden centers.

Dig your planting hole two to three times as wide as the rootball but no deeper, planting at the same depth it is growing in the container. As you prepare the soil, incorporate 2 pounds of 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space. Feed about four weeks after planting with a slow-release fertilizer like a 12-6-6 or balanced 8-8-8 at a rate of 1 pound for the same area.

There will be a lot of choices when you shop this spring at your garden center. I hope you will look for the Mississippi Medallion Award-winning Chinese snowball viburnum.

## Time

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mation someone has resurrected," Dilley said in a telephone interview Friday.

### FORTY YEARS AGO

March 25, 1965 - Mayor and Commission Council of Bay St. Louis took the first initial step last week to providing a municipal parking lot in the downtown area. The proposed property is the Pollatsek property on Beach Boulevard between Casonova's Auto Supply and Maufrey's Hardware Store. Ingress and egress to this property from Court Street is available over a 12-foot easement already owned by the city. Tentative agreement between the city and property owners for a lease covering both the property contemplated for use as a parking lot and the same owner's property on the opposite side of Beach Boulevard. According to Commissioner J. Cyril Glover the city has no definite plan yet for use of the property located between de Montluzin Drug and Bressler's Cafe.

- Coffee at McDonald's, (photo) More than 175 visitors signed guest register at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, North Beach, first stop on garden pilgrimage where coffee was served. They came from Mississippi Coast and New Orleans, by bus from Pensacola, Fla., Michigan, Wisconsin, Canada and two couples from England.

### FIFTY YEARS AGO

March 24, 1955 - A resident (?) Hancock County once remarked that "The jail here was the best on the Gulf Coast." And he really like it. For last Wednesday he was released by the Grand Jury from a charge of robbery, after spending a long period in the calaboose. That afternoon he was back in jail. This time on a petty larceny charge for stealing some food stuffs from St. Augustine Seminary. He was tried and found guilty by Judge Nelius Rhodes and received a six-month sentence. So he is back at home in his favorite jail.

- The telephone strike in this area took a more heated aspect this week, when the telephone company reported to the public that damage had been done to the in the Henderson Point area. The company offered a \$5000 reward to anyone who could give information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsi-

ble. Meanwhile the Union representatives here and in Gulfport issued a statement saying, "It would present interesting speculation to think that they (the company) might have manipulated this incident for the purpose of influencing public thought." The company stated that since telephone service "is so vital to the general public," those responsible "will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law." Strikers here, meanwhile were using their spare time, whenever possible to take other jobs, union spokesmen said.

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### SIXTY YEARS AGO

March 23, 1945 - Corporal Mark B. Carmichael, Aerial gunner in the United States Army Air Force, lost his life in action over Germany on November 30, 1944. His mother Mrs. Jeannette Carmichael, (Bay St. Louis), was recently advised by the War Department. He was first reported missing in action. Mark was publisher of The Light (newspaper), prior to his entry into service.

- Having joined the Nursing Corps in September, Cadet Nurse Ina Claire Smith was recently capped at the South Chicago Community Hospital, Chicago, Ill. A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Smith, of Bay St. Louis. She is a sister of Mrs. Horace Farr and a graduate of Bay High, Class '44.

Bay Rotary Club sponsors drive for used clothes for War Torn Countries. The National Drive for the collection of used clothing for the people in the overrun countries of Europe is getting underway under the direction of Henry J. Kaiser, National Chairman with headquarters in New York. In Hancock County the drive is being sponsored by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, and Mr. E.K. Kirkpatrick has been named chairman of the local committee.

## Lee

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their traditions and tranquil way of life, has greatly influenced her work. These oriental inspired pieces reflect a timeless beauty. Many of these pieces, created in Japan and with traditional Japanese materials and subject matter, will be on display at Maggie May's. The artist invites the public to come see Mr. Monroe, her pet rooster who crossed the road and never came back. Also on display will be her beautiful song birds, floral watercolors, and many other original works inspired by the artist's garden. Her work includes a wide variety of Southern wildlife in their native environment.

Nona Lee's delightful

works of art are found in international, corporate, and private collections. Her roots are firmly planted in the South, and her life as an artist has made a complete circle: Nona Lee, her husband Vance, and their family now reside again in Mississippi.

The opening reception for Nona Lee's exhibition will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 9 at Maggie May's, which is located at 126 Main Street in Old Town Bay St. Louis. The artist will be on hand to discuss her work, and refreshments will be served. For more information, please call Maggie May's at 228.463.1670.

## Award-winning photographer featured

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

Award winning photographer Mary Hartel Brent Anderson will be the featured artist at Stained Glass By Richie, 131 Main St. Suite D, for the Second Saturday Artwalk on April 9, 2005. Mary was born in New Orleans but resided in Waveland during all the summers of her childhood.

After raising four sons and retiring from the prac-

tice of law, she returned to Waveland to live with her husband Jim, a retired pediatrician. One morning she rode the bike path bordering the Gulf in Waveland and brought her digital camera.

The dawn exploded into her pictures in vivid, rapidly changing colors. Mary says, "What I barely noticed before stunned me with its beauty. I began to see with

new eyes. I now find myself catching my breath observing the sun sparkling waters, the dancing herons or the piers backlit by dawn's apricot skies. I have always dabbled in art from being decent at the New Orleans Museum of Art to sculpting in clay and painting watercolors. I feel now that art is dabbling in me through the lens of a camera."

Each of her photographs is individually formatted, centered and sized by the artist.

Additionally, for each picture she chooses print selections to give the best possible resolution of the image.

This past March, Mary was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award in the Mississippi Photography Competition for 2005.

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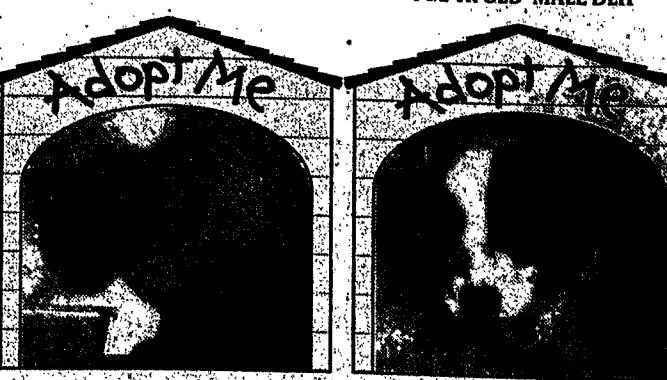
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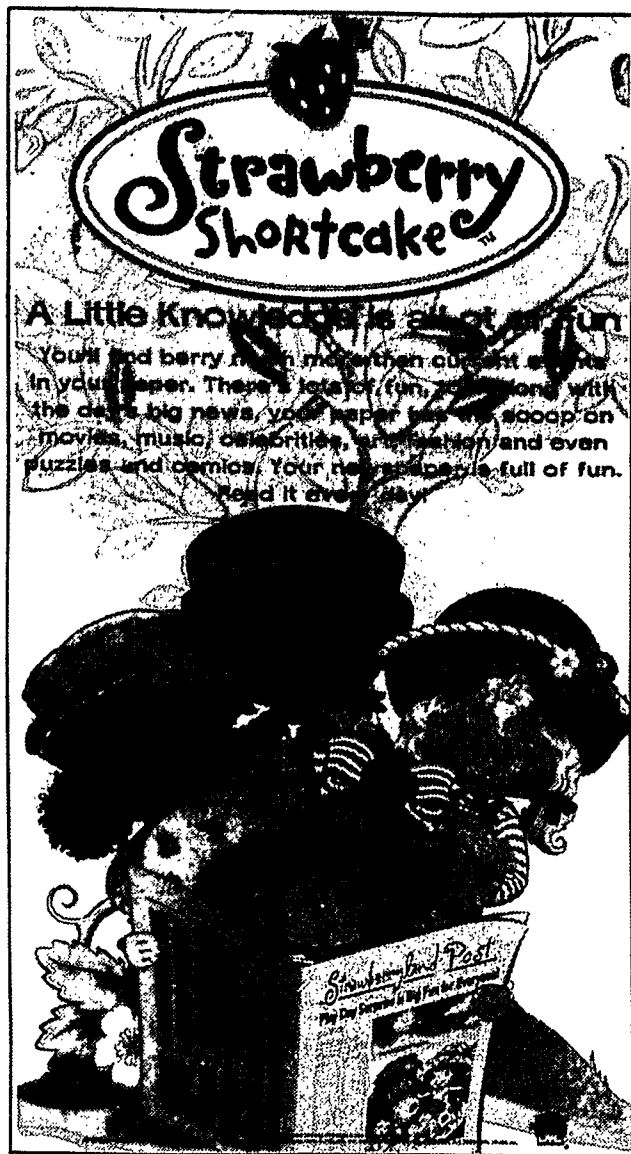
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The Beach Boys have been performing for more than three decades and were inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in

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From their 1961 debut with the regional hit "Surfer," the three Wilson brothers -- Brian, Dennis, and Carl -- plus cousin Mike Love and friend Al Jardine created some of the most intricate and beloved harmonies of the 60's. With Brian producing, the group had their first number one single in 1966 with "Good

Vibrations" and had become America's preeminent pop group, the only act able to challenge the enormous success of the Beatles.

Almost 22 years later in 1988, the group hit number one again with "Kokomo," a song written for the movie "Cocktail" by John Phillips of The Mamas & The Pappas.

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**93 Yard Sale**

**2 FAMILY SALE: SATURDAY &** Sunday, 8am-5pm, 7043 Hancock Dr. & Walhall. Furniture & stuff.

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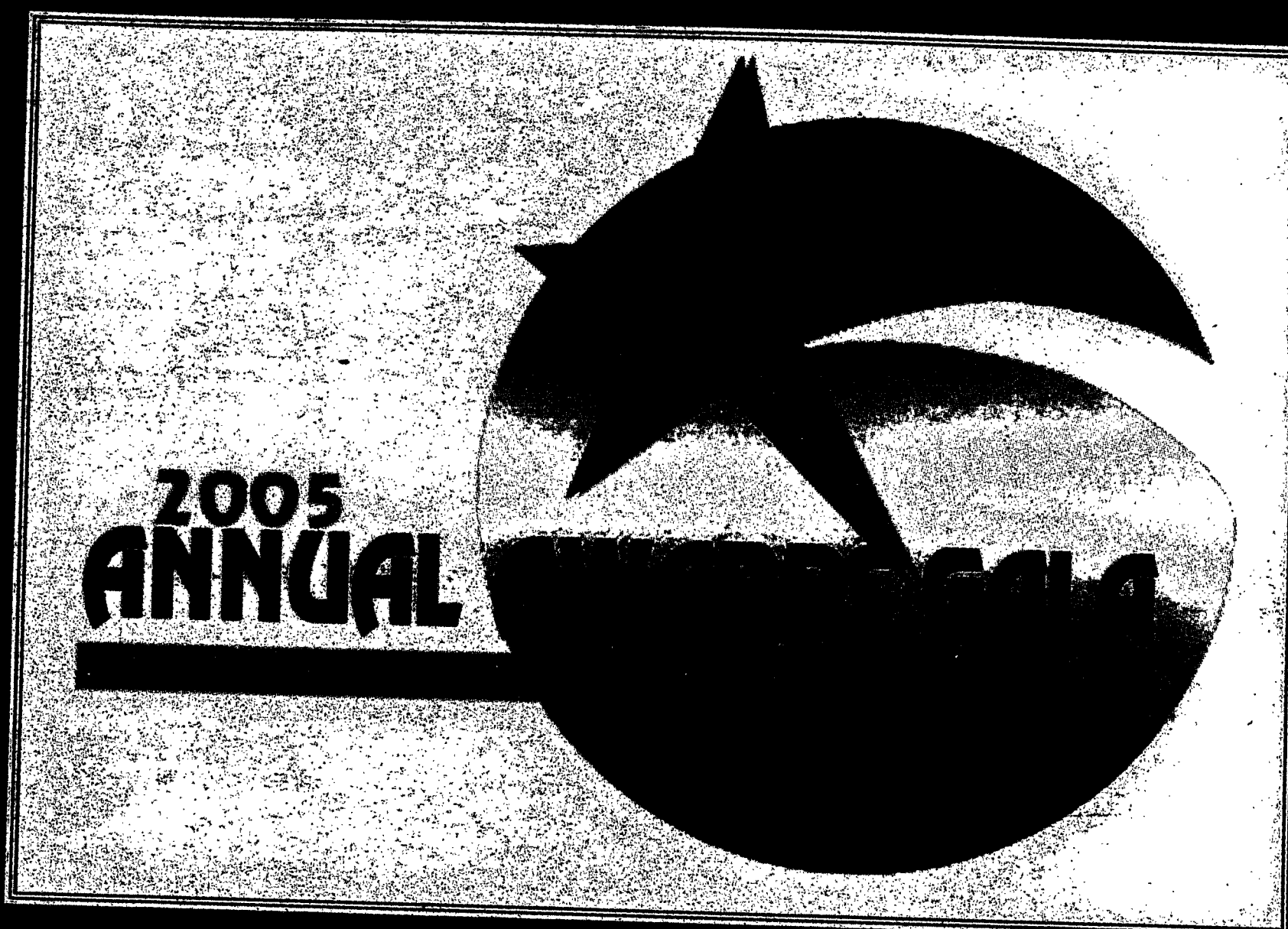








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# Hancock County Salutes Citizens & Businesses of the Year at Annual Gala

*Record Breaking Attendance Expected for Friday, April 8 at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis*

**THE SEA COAST ECHO** More than 550 business, industry and community leaders from across the Mississippi Coast will gather Friday, April 8th to Salute Hancock County's Business & Industry during the Annual Gala at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. The Gala is sponsored by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, and Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Other supporting sponsors of the Gala include: City of Bay St. Louis, City of Waveland, Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Prestige Printing, Sea Coast Echo and The Sun Herald. Co-chairs of the event are Jenny Bell of Ad Lib Creative Services and Yuki Northington of Yuki Art & Interiors.

Tish Williams, manager of the Gala for the sponsors said the event is a sell-out with record-breaking attendance. Williams said that the response to this important event has been inspiring. "Annually, Hancock County has a unique opportunity to bring small business together with big business, local and state government together with the federal government, and the tourism industry together with industrial leaders for one common goal: to recognize the men and women of Hancock County who are making a difference for our area," she said.

Lauded as one of the

fastest growing areas in the State, the regional economists call Hancock County, a bright spot in the Coastal economy, buoyed by continued activity at NASA's Stennis Space Center and growing tourism amenities.

The evening begins at 6pm with a reception, followed by a seated served dinner in the Cypress Cove Ballroom by the professional staff of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. During the awards presentation, businesses and citizens will be recognized for their work to make Hancock County a prosperous and quality place to live, work, play and retire.

Awards will be presented to the following companies as Businesses of the Year: W.A. McDonald & Sons - Bay St. Louis; Better Communication Clinic - Diamondhead; DeRussy Motors - Waveland; and Cuevas Machine Company, Inc. - Hancock County.

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau will present the Award to Bonita & the late Irvin Favre Family. The Tourism Business of the Year Award will be presented to Southern Promiseland Farm, LLC.

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission will present the Industry of the Year Award to Hot Sticks Manufacturing Company; and, the Award of Excellence will be presented to Pearl River Community College.

The Hancock Chamber will recognize the men and women of Hancock County who are making a difference for everyone as Outstanding

Citizens. Those who will be recognized are: Jeannie Deen, The Peoples Bank; Nate Fairconnetue, St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church; John Gallagher, Community Volunteer; Margaret

Gavagnie, Retired Senior Volunteer Program; Linda Graffeo, Hancock Bank; Howard Hamilton, Community Volunteer; Cecilia Howe, The Sea Coast Echo; Gwen Impson, The Arts - Hancock County; Frank R. Ladner, Community Volunteer; Jimmy Loiacano, City of Bay St. Louis; Brice Phillips, HCARA, Inc. - WQRZ Community Radio;

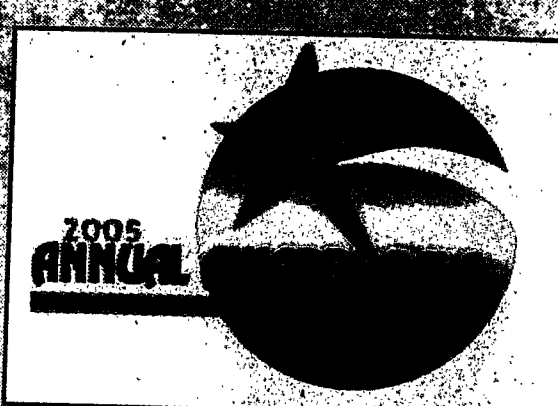
Dr. Gaynell-Ladner Roberts, Pearl River Community College - Hancock Center; Chari Rapp, McIntyre-Rapp Real Estate; Brice Phillips, HCARA, Inc. - WQRZ Community Radio; and David A. Treutel, Jr., Treutel Insurance Agency, Inc.. From these outstanding citizens, one individual will be recognized as Citizen of the Year.

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## A message from the Chamber

BY JOHN CHASZAR  
Chamber President

2005 will be a year of growth and action with NASA-Stennis Space Center (SSC) as the focus. With 4,500 employees and plans to double that number by 2010, SSC is and will continue to be the economic engine for Hancock County. To support regional economic opportunities, the Chamber will continue its leadership role as manager of the Partners for Stennis Organization.

Stennis is also the engine that drives our educational goals—to motivate students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math. Although the US has been the world leader in science and innovation since World War II, there has been an alarming decline in American students pursuing graduate degrees in science and engineering. This is a challenge that could be solved right here at home by grooming our own children to fill this void for scientists and engineers in our own backyard. Supporting Infinity at Stennis Space Center is where the new, state of the art science center and visitor attraction can take education in this region when it opens in 2007. Through Partners, we will advocate the full funding of Infinity at NASA Stennis Space Center; and, continue to expand our involvement to advocate robust funding for NASA and the NAVY.

This year, the Chamber has outlined specific, measurable, attainable and realistic goals that are trackable to insure that Hancock County is poised to take advantage of the economic opportunities that await us. One initiative for 2005 is the completion of the Education Endowment, a fund of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation. Through this fund, we can create scholarship opportunities to help convert High



John Chaszar

School seniors to college students. To accomplish this goal, net proceeds from the 2005 Awards Gala will benefit the education endowment so scholarships can begin to be awarded. Our goal is to net a minimum of \$15,000. And, we don't need to stop there. More funds raised will generate more interest for larger scholarships.

Another area of focus for the County is the completion of Texas Flat Road. This will stimulate tremendous growth up and down

Highway 608. The Board of Supervisors should be commended for their work to move this project toward swift completion to open this important gateway to Stennis Space Center. Construction is scheduled to begin within the next year.

Our community is growing and as the voice of business and this community, the Chamber must provide leadership to work with elected officials to insure we are ready for this growth. In the 1960's our population was at well under 15,000. By 2020, it is expected to rise to 66,000 and beyond. But, our bright economic future is truly a matter of quality not quantity.

I sincerely believe that Hancock County is destined for greatness. While I may not be originally from Hancock County, this is where I have chosen to work, and contribute my time, talent and resources.

As President of the Chamber, I encourage you to buckle yourself in for the ride. "The future's so bright I gotta wear shades."

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## Businesses of the Year

# W.A. McDonald & Sons named Bay's 'Business of the Century'

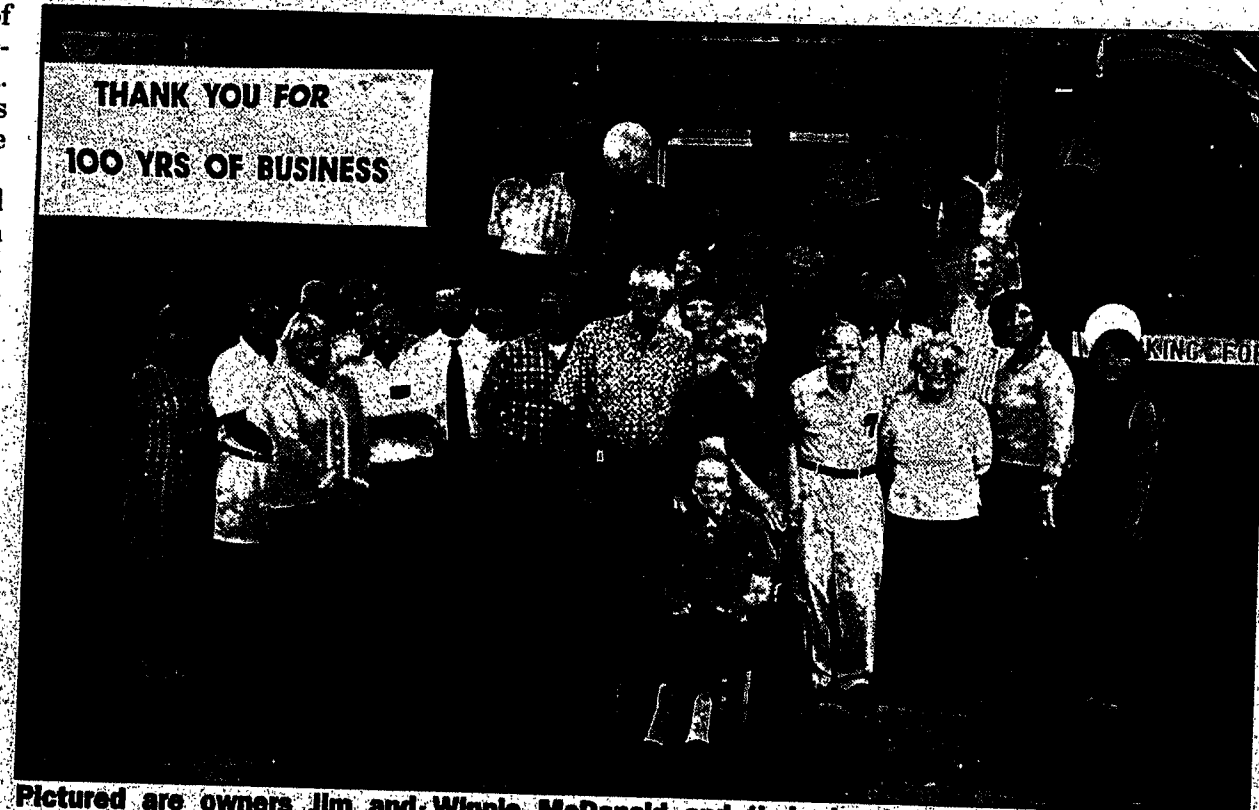
**T**his year, the City of Bay St. Louis recognizes W.A. McDonald's & Sons as Business of the Century!

As an independent retail store-owner for more than 100 years, the McDonald Family understands the importance of family and community support, and the role both play in the success of a small business.

In 1904, the lure of adventure brought W.A. and Edna McDonald to the City of Bay St. Louis and for a deposit of \$5.00, they negotiated the purchase of their new beach-front home—now 502 North Beach. They had one son, C.C. McDonald and a daughter Mary. Soon after, another son John was born.

Mr. McDonald was looking for a business investment. He opened a general store at Main and Second Street, which he called the "Red Hot" and later followed by another "Red Hot" located at the head of DeMontluzin on the beach-bluff.

"Mr. W. A.," as he had become known to so many, soon acquired the current property at Toulme and Easterbrook, and the warehouse adjacent to the L&N Railroad. These properties eventually became established as W. A. McDonald &



Pictured are owners Jim and Winnie McDonald and their daughters left to right, Melissa Blanchard, Meg Richardson, Moll Kergoalen, and Dolly Lundberg.

Sons, typifying the significance of close family ties in uniting the McDonald heritage. Not only was a local family clan established, but also a dynasty of local businesses and community endeavors.

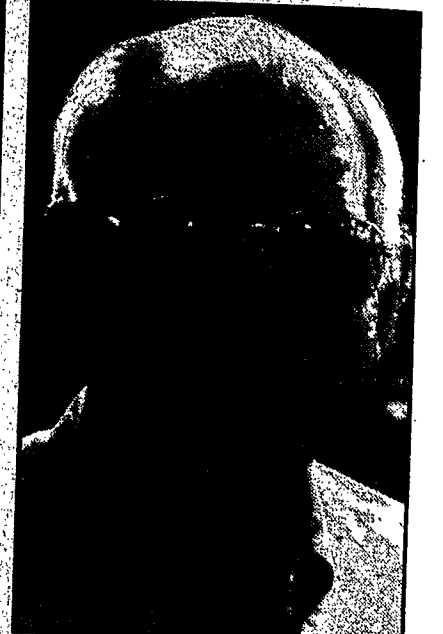
Mr. W. A. was joined in business by his son John in 1927 and the company became W. A. McDonald & Son. In 1938, his eldest son merged his company with his father and brother and the

company name was changed to W. A. McDonald & Sons. Only a few years later, Mr. W. A. passed away.

In 1945, after a tour of duty with the Navy, John McDonald returned to Bay St. Louis, and soon added a new company, Imperial Wood Products. The company was now engaged in three levels of business: retail, wholesale and manufacturing. As the company entered the 60's, the departments were

expanded to keep pace with the times and meet the demands of two major storms in 1965 and 1969. In 1967, Mrs. W. A. McDonald passed away.

Between the 1940s and the 1970s, younger members of the family joined the company. In 1979, the two partners, C.C. and John J. McDonald both passed away. At this time, the ownership passed to Mrs. Iva May McDonald, widow of John,



W.A. McDonald and to James C. McDonald, the youngest son of C.C., Sr.

In 1980, the company joined the nation's largest hardware buying group and became an Ace Hardware Home Center, handling such products as Devco Paints, and Hotpoint and GE appliances. W. A. McDonald & Sons is a leader in the construction and home products business.

In 1987, Jim and Winnie McDonald assumed company ownership. Today, two of their daughters, Melissa Blanchard and Dolly Lundberg, are involved in the business. Jim and Winnie operate the business in the same fashion that made it successful so many years ago—by remaining versatile and innovative offering products that are durable, top quality and meet the needs of their customers.



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## Businesses of the Year

### DeRussy Motors is Waveland Business of the Year



Mark DeRussy

Almost five years ago, when Mark DeRussy made a decision to relocate his car dealership to Waveland on Highway 603, some may have thought he had lost his mind. Today, he might be called a visionary. This investment brought to life a once underdeveloped area of Waveland, creating new jobs, new business income, and new sales taxes.

And, it was a magnet, bringing other investors to the area. The City of Waveland proudly names DeRussy Motors as Business

of the Year.

While music, golf and snow skiing are his passions, DeRussy knew he had to make a living.

After graduating from SMU in 1974, he began a career in the automobile industry. For five years, he worked in the management-training program for Garrard Chevrolet in New Orleans.

He was later recruited to Fort Worth, Texas and became junior partner and General Manager of an import business there.

When the owners decided to sell the business, DeRussy longed to move closer to

home. After researching the market, he learned that a long time dealership, Jerry Lane Motors was for sale in Bay St. Louis on Highway 90. In August 1992, he and his family packed their bags, and moved to Hancock County to set up shop.

Today, they employ 36 people, specializing in new and used Chevrolet, GMC, Pontiac and Buick brand vehicles.

Last year, sales topped \$22 million. DeRussy says what they are truly selling is relationships, reliability and service.

And, he says the company

has one of the best sales and service departments in the region.

"At DeRussy Motors, we want to exceed the customers expectations from test-drive to delivery. We want the customer to feel that the vehicle they drive away with is the perfect one for them. It's not about purchasing the car, it's all about the ownership experience," he said.

DeRussy Motors has played an active role in the community supporting worthwhile charitable and educational programs, such as Bay Catholic Elementary and Our Lady Academy.

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## Businesses of the Year

### Cuevas Marine Company, Inc. is Hancock Business of the Year

Highway 603, is home to many small business—large and small—and these numbers are growing. A good part of this growth is due to entrepreneurship, such as that demonstrated by Paul Cuevas and Todd Smith. Located at the north end of Highway 603, the co-owners of Cuevas Marine Company, Inc. had vision long before others that the future of the business was in the water. Cuevas Marine Company, Inc. is a family owned and operated business that has been in operation since 1978. The company is a full service marine repair and maintenance business. The company's success is simple—they are family owned and operated, and they are family owned and operated.

### Diamondhead Business of the Year

## The Better Communication Clinic

The Diamondhead Business & Professional Association plays a vital role for businesses to network and market their services for continued growth in the community. The association proudly names The Better Communication Clinic as Business of the Year.

Virginia Boyle, a business owner since February of 1996, opened The Better Communication Clinic, in October of 1999. When Virginia first moved to Diamondhead, in 1994, she was a speech pathologist with the Bay St. Louis/Waveland School District. Today, she is a small business owner, catering to the hearing and speech impaired, administering diagnostic speech, language and hearing evaluations.

As an audiologist and speech pathologist, Ms. Boyle has provided free hearing screenings at the Senior Citizen's Center in Bay St. Louis and St. Thomas School in Long Beach. She has donated much of her time to Woodland Village as well as Dunbar Village cleaning and maintaining patient's hearing aids. In addition, she has educated staff and family as to the use and care of the patient's hearing aids. A



Virginia Boyle

speaker for civic clubs and organizations, she provides information on etiology of hearing loss and intervention through the use of modern technology.

Ms. Boyle has contributed to the community in many ways, sponsoring numerous baseball, basketball, dance and soccer teams throughout Hancock County. Since 1999, she has been a sponsor of the Diamondhead Swim Team, and has been a corporate sponsor of Diamondhead Tennis World, volunteering her time and administrative talent during tournaments and league play.

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## Tourism Person & Family of the Year

### Hancock Tourism Bureau recognizes Favre family

**T**ourism ... touted as the largest industry in the world, is one of the largest and brightest emerging industries in Hancock County. Through the efforts of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau and area tourism industry leaders, tourism's economic impact is now a huge part of the economy of this county.

In Hancock County, one (1) out of every eight (8) jobs are tourism related, and MILLIONS of dollars annually are generated, directly contributing to the public and private sector's bottom lines.

The industry is successful today because of the work of many dedicated people with the strength and vision necessary for a community to prosper.

One deserving person and her family stand out as the 2005 Tourism Industry Person & Family of the Year.

Bonita French Favre, and the late Irvin Favre Family have done more to put Kiln, Mississippi, and Hancock County on the map than any tourism-advertising budget could ever reach.

Known world wide as the "mother" of Brett Favre, the NFL big cheese of the Green Bay Packers in Wisconsin, her motherly pride does not stop there.

She proudly boasts about her other accomplished children: Scott, Jeff and Brandi. Scott is a building contractor and in real estate in Diamondhead. Jeff is employed with Nevada Gold Casino as Director of Casino Operations, and Brandi is employed with US Foods in Springfield, MO.

And her biggest source of pride comes from her six grandchildren, Brittany, 16, Dylan, 13, Jade, 6, Breleigh, 5, Max, 3, and Jaxson who is 2.

When you get one Favre, you get the entire family,



Bonita & the late Irvin Favre

lock, stock and barrel, as evidenced each year during the Favre's on the Bayou Mud Bug Challenge to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Hancock County.

This year, the event relocated to the Hancock Arena where thousands of people came from far and wide, including Wisconsin, to cast their vote for the best mudbug in town.

There was also a rodeo, entertainment, a fishing tournament in her late husband's memory, and a silent auction with Bonita at the helm, to raise funds for the Boys and Girls Club.

It all began several years ago at Favres on the Bayou, a restaurant in the Kiln, she and her two sons Scott and Jeff own. The restaurant has become a destination for

Night of Faith," featuring Faith Hill, was held as a fundraiser to help other breast cancer patients.

With the Favre family it is just that simple. It's not about them. But rather what they can do for others and they do, time and again through the Brett Favre FOURward Foundation. The Foundation was established in 1996 to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged and disabled children in Mississippi and Wisconsin.

In the past eight years, through annual events and gifts, more than \$1.5 million has been donated to worthwhile organizations like the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Hope Haven Children's Shelter, Make a Wish Foundation, Special Olympics, United Cerebral Palsy and more. Through these efforts, they

have touched the lives of thousands of terrific kids.

The daughter of the late Bennie French, Sr. and Izella French, Bonita Favre is more than a mother with a cause, she is an accomplished educator and businesswoman. From the University of Southern Mississippi, she holds a BS in Health and Physical Education and a MS in Special Education. She has taught health, PE, drug education, and general biology.

She coached girls basketball, and spent the majority of her teaching career at Hancock High School teaching Special Ed. After retiring from teaching, she owned and operated Southern Charm Hallmark, Southern Child Clothing Store, Diamondhead Laundry and Dry Cleaners, and operated the Diamondhead Post Office for one year.

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## Tourism Industry Business of the Year

### Southern Promiseland Farm honored

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau is proud to name Southern Promiseland Farm as 2005 Tourism Industry Business of the Year.

When Stacey Necaise told her husband Maurice, she wanted to clear 10 acres of their 52 acre farm in the Kiln and turn it into a corn maze, he thought she had lost her mind. A science teacher at Hancock Middle School, she could not get the vision out of her head. It became a passion, a calling from God. As a teacher, she was intrigued by the science involved in the project. As a mother of two young sons, she saw a need for good, clean family fun.

She could see how it could work in her mind and began to research her options. It was not long until she discovered a company that could



The Necaise family

help her make the dream reality. But, first she had to convince her husband to put off buying that new truck he wanted to have funds to build the maze.

She began talking about her dream to others and her idea became contagious. Soon, her entire family and neighbors were involved in the project. After convincing

her husband she wasn't crazy, he backed her 100%. Southern Promiseland Farm, located at 1212 Raygan Lane, is an acorn maze and pumpkin patch. It is open eight weeks during September through October on Friday and Saturday and on other days by appointment only. It is the only one in the United States this far south.

It is also the only corn maze in Mississippi and Louisiana that offers a punch card to help people keep up with where they have been. And, you will be glad they do. The maze features an intermediate and advanced route or you can walk the entire six-mile route of twists and turns. And, you do not want to get lost or you will be walking through the maze for hours. Thankfully, there are staff called "corn cops" located throughout the maze to help you get through to the end.

The maze is not the only thing there is to do on the farm. There is a petting zoo with a horse, goats, pigs and many other animals. The young children can participate in a tractor race on mini tractors through bails of hay. Hayrides are offered to all ages. And, horse tire swings keep the kids entertained. Before you leave, you do not want to forget to pick up your pumpkin and gourds for Halloween. And, come back for special events, birthday parties or just a relaxing day with your family.

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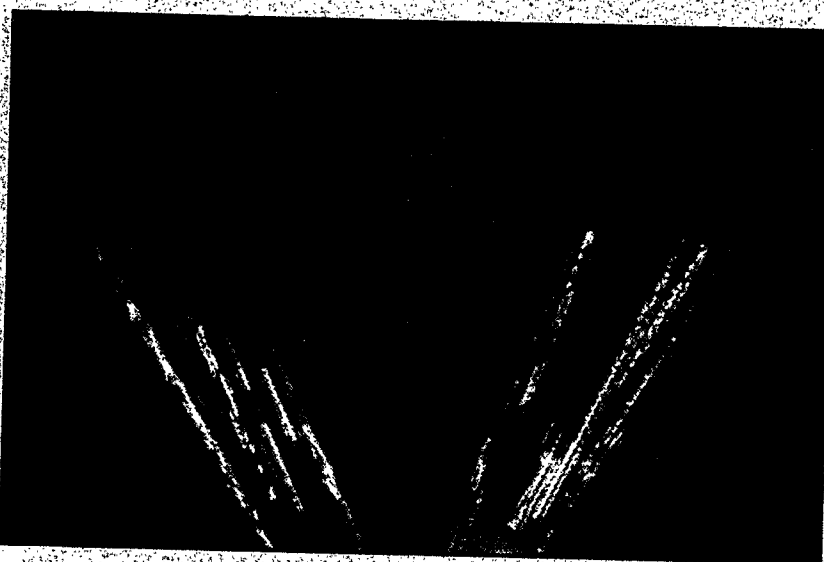
## Industry of the Year

# Hot Sticks Manufacturing Company

The Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is the economic development agency for the County. They operate the Port Bienville Industrial Park and the Stennis International Airport. Tonight, they proudly present the Industry of the Year Award to Hot Sticks Manufacturing Company.

For the past two decades, Hot Sticks has become the world's leading supplier of colored hickory drumsticks, and they are located right here in Hancock County at Stennis Airpark.

Following an expansion last year, the company has grown to a fully equipped 19,000 square foot manufacturing facility. Hot Sticks champions the entrepreneurial spirit vital to economic growth, and because of this, the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission is proud to name this home grown



Kevin Pokallus

company as Industry of the Year.

Kevin Pokallus created his first pair of drumsticks with a Sears lathe on his front porch in 1979. When he showed the sticks to his girlfriend—an incredibly talented artist named Chris Torgersen—she suggested that he paint the sticks with colored enamel instead of

using the clear lacquer. Acting on her advice, he soon had a bright red pair of drumsticks, which he used in a local nightclub performance. Drummers in the audience approached him to find out where they could buy these unique sticks. In just a few months, Chris and Kevin began producing Hot Sticks drumsticks and

became cofounders of the Hot Sticks Manufacturing Company.

Several years ago, Chris suggested a revolutionary new idea to create the ultimate colored drumstick. At the time, they decided not to develop the product because an analysis of the inherent technical complexities made it seem impractical. It wasn't until the latter part of 1997 that the Hot Sticks management team reconsidered Chris' concept and became determined to transform her visions into reality. It has taken almost two years to complete what they now call the Macrolus project, and the results are truly phenomenal. It is the most advanced colored drumsticks ever pro-

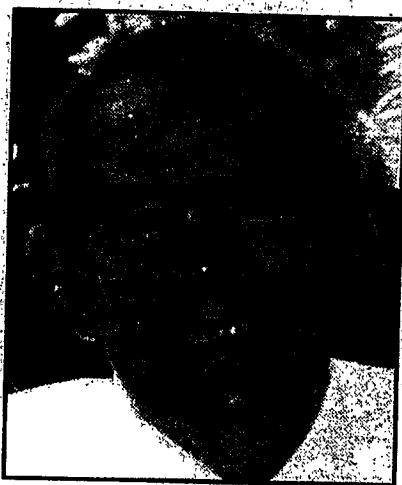
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Such an outstanding achievement would have been impossible without the dedication, enthusiasm, and spirit of cooperation, which were demonstrated by each and every Hot Sticks employee throughout the frustrating phases of product and process development. Kevin attributes the success of the project to their efforts. His greatest satisfaction is knowing that Chris' ultimate drumstick concept has actually inspired the creation of an incredible new form of art, contributing to the world's enjoyment and appreciation of music.

## Port Commission grateful for McDonald's 31 years of service

During the 2005 Gala, the Port & Harbor Commission will recognize and honor the retirement of one of Hancock County's most dedicated community leaders. After more than 31 years of service to the Port & Harbor Commission, Dave McDonald retired this year.

Among the many awards and recognitions he has received for his unselfish service to our community, the Chamber named him Citizen of the Year in 1993, and he was recognized as one of Mississippi's Ageless Heroes



David McDonald

last year by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi.

Perhaps his most unselfish

work is Mr. McDonald's 31 years of service on the Port & Harbor's governing board—the last 11 of which were as its President. He was the Commission's longest serving member in its 40-year history, and personally recruited the first tenant to the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Under his leadership, the Commission has taken the Stennis International Airport from a small general aviation airfield to one having the third longest runway in the state, an all-weather instrument landing system, and an

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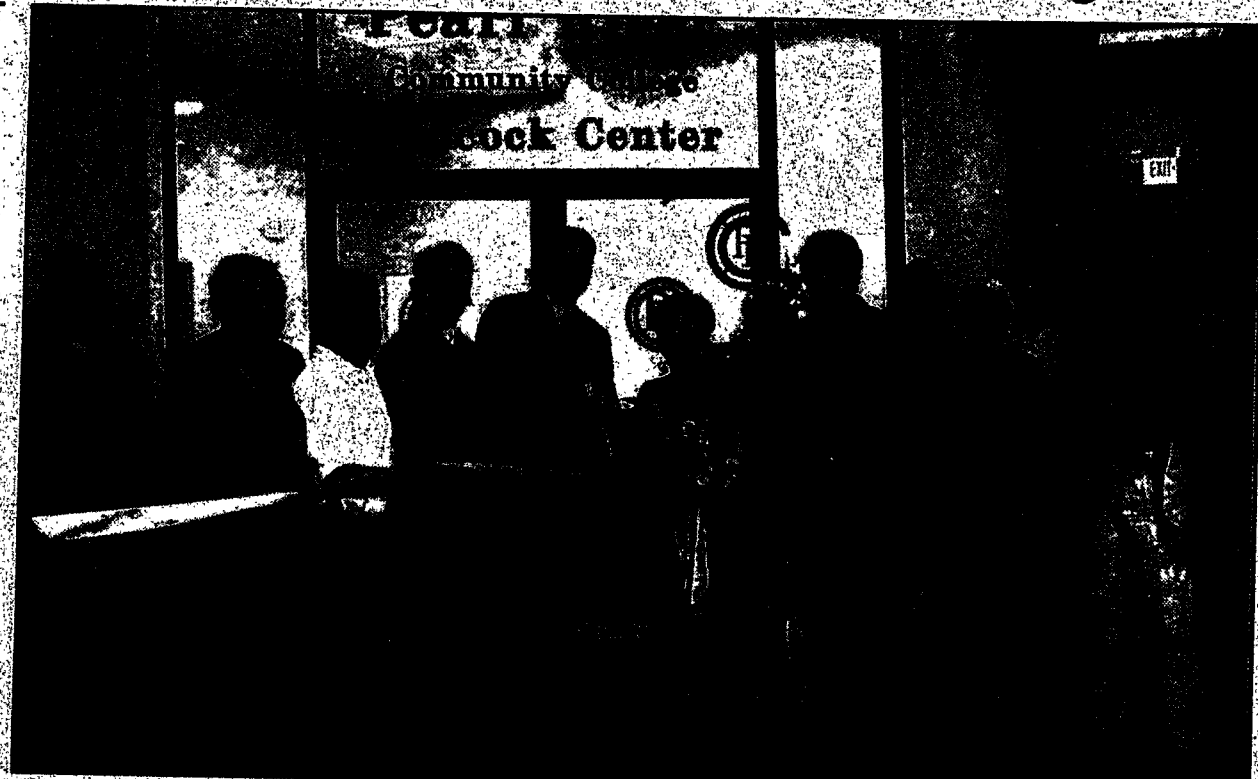
# Pearl River Community College

**Hancock Center offers brand new opportunities for local students**

Pearl River Community College (PRCC) opened the Hancock Center November 30th with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony before a crowd of more than 300 people, including officials from PRCC, the Chamber, the City of Waveland and the Board of Supervisors. Day and evening classes began January 10th.

The Award of Excellence gives the Port & Harbor Commission the opportunity to recognize a company or individual that has made a significant contribution to the growth of Hancock County.

Pearl River Community College is an important cog in the economic development wheel that fuels the growth of business and industry through education and workforce training to promote steady, strong growth for Hancock County. Because of the College's strong commitment to the education and



Ribbon cutting ceremony at PRCC's Hancock Center last November. Photo by B.R. Hawkins

training of the citizens of this county, the Port & Harbor Commission presents Pearl River Community College with the Award of Excellence.

Pearl River Community College (PRCC) is one of the oldest community colleges in the nation, and the oldest in Mississippi. It is a publicly supported comprehensive community college. Its mission is to serve the people in its district with quality academic, vocational and technical programs; workforce

training; remedial education; student services; and cultural programs. Hancock County is one of six counties that make up the PRCC district.

In order to accomplish its mission, the College seeks to provide: academic courses equivalent to the first two years of a bachelor degree for students planning to transfer to a university or senior college; technical and vocational courses to prepare students for careers; guidance counseling, learning resources, financial aid, and other student services; remedial instruction in basic skills such as language, mathematics, and reading

necessary for academic and career advancement; and, training to advance the skills of the work force of the community.

For the past 10 years, the community has had a dream to work together with PRCC to establish a satellite education center in Hancock County to address the educational needs of local residents. In the Fall of 2004, that dream became reality under the leadership of Dr. Williams Lewis, President of PRCC, with the support of the PRCC Board and the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

The School leased 6,000 square feet of space at The

Wave (the former Wal-Mart building) on U.S. 90 in Waveland, next door to Wal-Mart's new SuperCenter. Today, the Center is fully operational with four classrooms, a conference room, and administrative offices where students can register for classes and apply for financial aid. Interested citizens can also register for County Community Education Programs offered through a County partnership with PRCC. And, through a partnership with The Arts-Hancock County, an art gallery has been established for the enjoyment of the community.

The Center offers core academic courses students are required to take in pursuit of a two-year associate degree or to be transferred to a University, such as English, social studies, psychology and math. The curriculum is expected to expand over the years, specializing in certain professions, such as nursing and aircraft maintenance and repair, tailored to meet workforce-training requirements of new and local industries.

Technical and vocational courses will be added to the Hancock Center schedule as local needs are identified. Workforce Development training will also be offered in cooperation with the PRCC Workforce Development Center. PRCC has also widened its selection of core academic courses offered at NASA-Stennis Space Center.

Ultimately, the college hopes to establish a regional campus in Hancock County where residents can take a wide variety of courses.

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## Outstanding Citizens

### Jeannie Deen, The Peoples Bank

Jeannie has been a vital part of The Peoples Bank team since the merger with Gulf National Bank in 1988. She became and still is the voice of The Peoples Bank in Bay St. Louis and Hancock County. Jeannie represents the bank and truly lives the motto of the bank "where people come first." She has been described by many as the small businessperson's banker.

Jeannie has played an active role in many professional and civic organizations in Hancock County. She has served several terms on the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She currently serves on the Board for the Chamber. She also has been active with the Hancock County Library Foundation.



Jeannie Deen

where she presently is serving on its Board of Directors. Jeannie has also served on the Boards of the Bay St. Louis Development Foundation and the Mississippi Gulf Coast Helpline, Inc.

Jeannie's leadership capabilities were recognized by her peers when she was selected for the first Leadership Hancock County class. She is also listed as an Outstanding Young Woman in America and was Hancock County's Exchangeite of the Year in 1990. Most recently Jeannie was recognized with the Bank as the Lending Division's Peoples Choice recipient.

This award was given to a member of the division who goes above and beyond what is required within their job description.

Jeannie's heart is truly in Bay St. Louis and Hancock County. She exhibits a true concern for helping the small businessperson achieve their financial goals. For this and so much more we call Jeannie Deen one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.



The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce is a voluntary organization of business, community and governmental leaders. The mission is to promote the social, civic and economic well being of the County. Today, it is close to 800 members strong, representing 10,000 employees. They are people who are making a difference for Hancock County. Tonight, the Hancock Chamber recognizes individuals whose contributions to commerce and the community help make Hancock County prosperous and progressive.

### Nate Fairconnetue, St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church

His name is Nate but he says the locals call him Nat. A native of Bay St. Louis, Nate lives here with his wife, Paula. They have three children, Natalie, Nadia and Nate Jr. Nate worked in the Harrison County Schools for 10 years as Principal of Harrison Central High School, and he is currently the Principal of North Gulfport Middle School 8th and 9th grade where he has been for three years. He has been in the educational system for 31 years. And, while education is his passion, working with youth as coach and mentor is his love.

Over the years, Nate has worked as a coach, and has served as officiator and umpire of softball, basketball



Nate Fairconnetue

and baseball. He currently serves as an umpire for softball and basketball along the Gulf Coast.

An athlete himself, he was offered a scholarship to Pearl River Community College and from there went to Delta State to obtain his Bachelors

Degree in Education. While at Pearl River, he was elected into the Pearl River Hall of Fame.

Nate has strong family and religious ties, serving in his church, parish and community. Father Sabastian, pastor at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church says that whenever a volunteer is needed, Nate is there to lend a helping hand. He is actively involved in a number of ministries in the church as a member of the Male Ensemble Choir and as a Lector, Acolyte and Usher. He is also involved with the church group, Knights of Peter Claver, serving as treasurer. And, this year, he and his wife Paula were named King and Queen of

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### John Gallagher, Community Volunteer

**J**ohn M. Gallagher is a man for all people. He is never too busy to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it. He is on the road many hours a week, running errands for people who are unable to do this for themselves. And, he does it with a smile on his face and joy in his heart.

John often visits people in the community who are shut-ins and just need a friend to lend an ear and exchange a story or two. He does all of this for so many, never seeking recognition or anything in return except the satisfaction of knowing he has helped someone have a brighter day. The great service he provides behind the scenes is a comfort to many, who look forward to his cheerful visits. He does it for one reason and one reason only—he wants to help people.

John is a faithful member of St. Clare Catholic Church in Waveland. There he is very active as an usher and wherever he is needed to volunteer his time and talents. Monsignor McGough says honoring John is a deserving and fitting tribute to a fine outstanding citizen and a true gentleman.

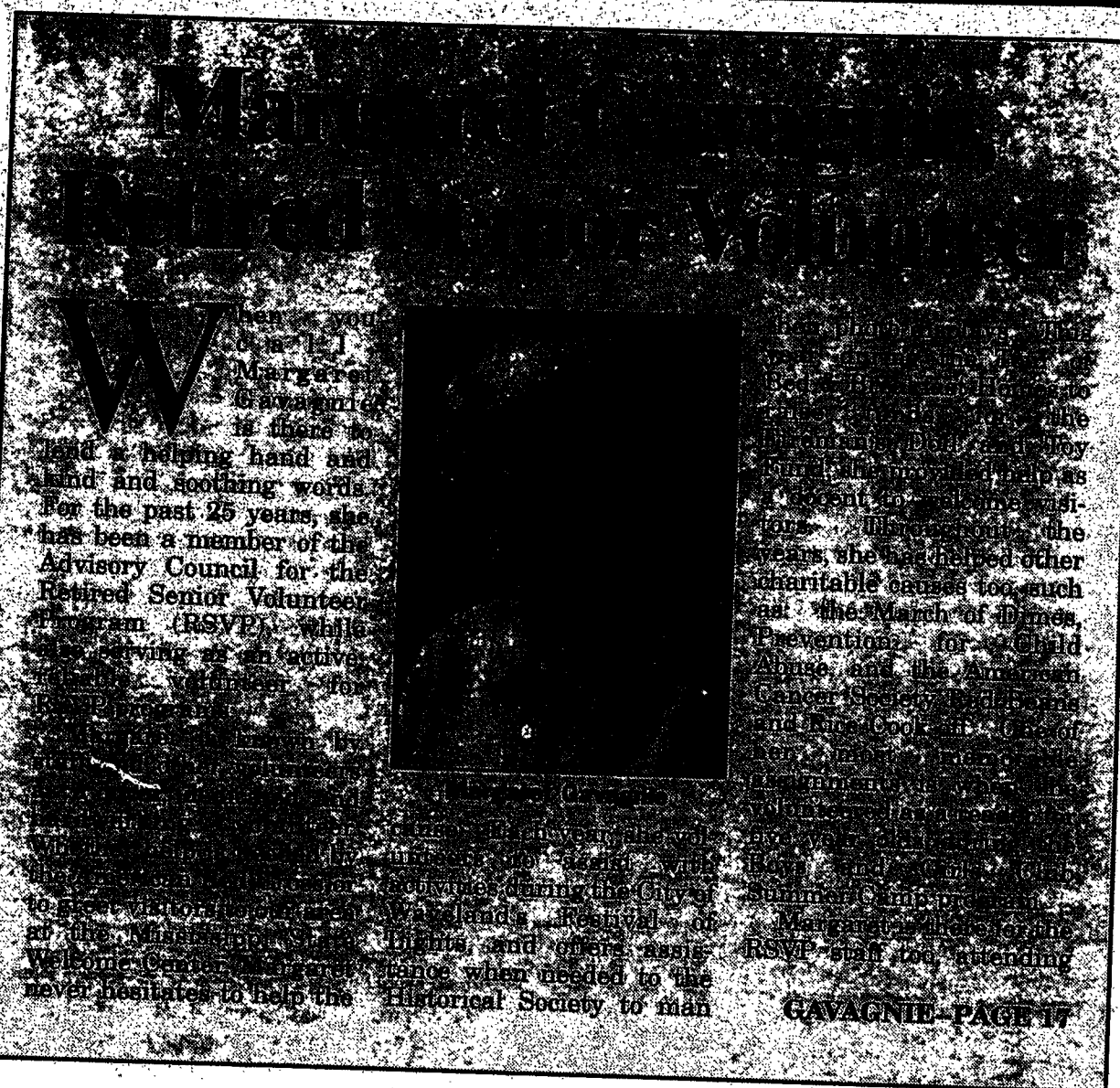
McGough says he will immediately put you at ease with his infectious smile. He is a devout man without being ostentatious. John is not only regular in church



John Gallagher

attendance, but is ever faithful to his ministry as an usher. And, McGough says he holds John in high esteem with great admiration above all for his care and devotion to his wife, Evelyn. He and his wife, Evelyn, live on Lakeside Drive in Waveland. They moved to the Bay-Waveland area in 1962. Born in Hamilton, Ontario in 1921, he has been in sales most of his career first working for a motel business and then as a car salesman for over 20 years.

John's personality is one of his great attributes. His quick wit and laughter has brought a smile to many faces. He spreads joy wherever he goes. Because of this and so much more, we call John Gallagher one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.



Linda Graffeo

### Linda Graffeo, Hancock Bank

**M**ore than 12 years ago, after living abroad and in New Orleans, Linda Graffeo made the conscious decision to leave New Orleans, and make Hancock County her new home. She is often heard saying, "I saw a beautiful city go down the tubes because no one cared. I was determined to start a new life, in a new place and put my time and energy into keeping it a great place to live for my family."

And, when she arrived in Bay St. Louis with her husband, Pete and youngest daughter, Mignon, they went right to work. Linda is a self-motivated team player with a confident, positive



Linda Graffeo

attitude. People like her because she tells it like it is and she gets things done.

For the past nine years, Linda has been employed by Hancock Bank as a Real

Estate Appraiser. Shortly after joining the Bank, she became actively involved in the work of the Hancock Chamber, serving on various committees. For the past five years, she has served as Chairman of the Member Services Committee of the Hancock Chamber, chairing the Annual Business & Industry Expo, a sell-out event with 95 booths and 1,000 consumers attending. She also oversees the other functions of the committee to include: membership services, ribbon cuttings, and business after hours events. As Committee Chair, she was also responsible for establishing the quarterly coffee call

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# Howard Hamilton, Community Volunteer

**T**o know Howard is to love him. He is described as outgoing, yet humble and is always community minded.

He has been an active community supporter for over 25 years. Whenever anyone in need calls for a donation or help, Howard says, just tell me what you need me to do. And he gets it done. No cause is too large or too small. He believes helping the community is a way for businesses to give back, and he has time and again.

Howard and his wife Jewel came from Spanish Fort, Alabama and made the Gulf Coast their home. This is where they raised their two children, Jason and Brian. Brian lives in Florida and Jason, who worked in the family business, now co-owns Two Crackers Grocery Store in Necaise. Before opening his own grocery store operation, Howard worked at National Supermarkets in Long Beach.

In June of 1984, a rainy day as he recalls, he opened the 15,000 square supermarket in Diamondhead, then known as Sunflower Foods. He had 25 employees and for many, it was their first job.

The name changed in 1986 to Diamondhead Supermarket and in 1999 he enlarged the store to 20,000 square feet. Now the Supermarket employs over 60 workers. Diamondhead Supermarket was named Diamondhead Business of the Year under Mr. Hamilton's ownership.

Over the years he also opened several other stores throughout the Coast as Choice Supermarkets, to include Waveland Market Center. His philosophy was simple—locally owned with the best in local service and fresh products.

Throughout the Coast, Howard has made many positive contributions to the community. One percent of all cash receipts from the gro-

cer store sales was set aside as funds to support the Friendship Fund, established to provide donations for worthwhile philanthropic and educational programs like Hope Haven Children's Shelter and 30 other non-profits including area schools and churches.

Through this program, he donates generously to so many other worthwhile projects such as Hancock East Elementary School, hurricane relief and just about every fundraiser in town. When there is a death in the family of a Diamondhead resident, Howard is the first to be there with a tray of sandwiches.

Many know Howard through Diamondhead Supermarket, and Waveland Market but he was all over the community and also provided volunteer leadership to his church. In 2004, he had the opportunity to sell the business, and he and his wife moved back home to Spanish Fort, AL. Although, his heart still belongs to the Coast. He still comes over once a week to visit the store and his friends in the area. Even though he has now moved, we still laud Howard Hamilton as one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.



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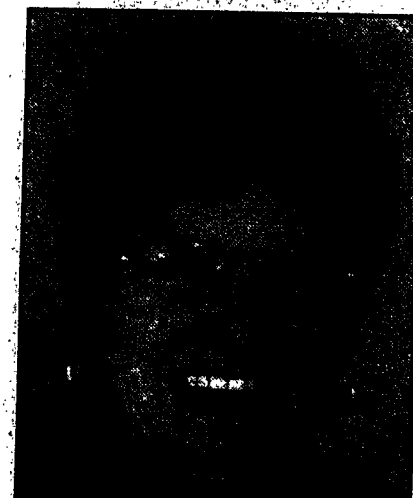


## Gwen Impson The Arts – Hancock County

**W**hen Gwen Impson and her husband, John, moved to the Gulf Coast she never dreamed what was in store. As a cancer survivor and non-toxic printmaker, she was looking for a slower pace, easy living. She set up a studio called the Turquoise Turtle where she taught printmaking classes and John offered framing. Everything was falling into place. She soon felt right at home in the art community.

Originally from New Orleans, she and John had just spent seven years in Washington, DC, and Gwen had been active in the arts there, serving on several art boards. Where was the Arts Council for Hancock County? She quickly discovered, while there was a growing community of artists, and while the City of Bay St. Louis had been named one of the top 10 small art communities in the country, there was no mechanism in place to bring it all together.

She visited with staff and volunteers at the City of Bay St. Louis, the City of Waveland, the Board of Supervisors, the Hancock Chamber, the Tourism Board and the Library urging someone to take on the organization of the arts. Everyone agreed her idea was a good one. All it needed was the right person to lead the effort. Gwen insisted from the beginning that she would be happy to get it organized but had no intention of becoming president. In



Gwen Impson

April 2003, The Arts, Hancock County became official with the motto of "bringing it all together" to communicate inclusion for all areas of the county and all forms of art. Gwen was elected President.

In the past two years, under Gwen's leadership as Founder and President, The Arts, Hancock County has grown from a good idea and a few dozen artists to over 170 artists and supporters. Gwen credits the success of The Arts to a supportive Board, great volunteers and an ever-increasing list of partners. Under her leadership, partnerships with the Hancock Chamber, the Tourism Development Bureau, and the Libraries, have been solidified and new partnerships with the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, The Sea Coast Echo, Pearl River Community College Hancock Center, and Bookends Bookstore have been formed. Last summer, a fundraiser was held to benefit the Theatre and The Arts known as "Please, Take Your Seat

Gala." She and other arts supporters organized the event to raise funds through an auction of chairs removed from the theatre and turned into works of art by local artists. This summer, The Arts will host an even more unusual fundraiser, one that focuses on the artists themselves.

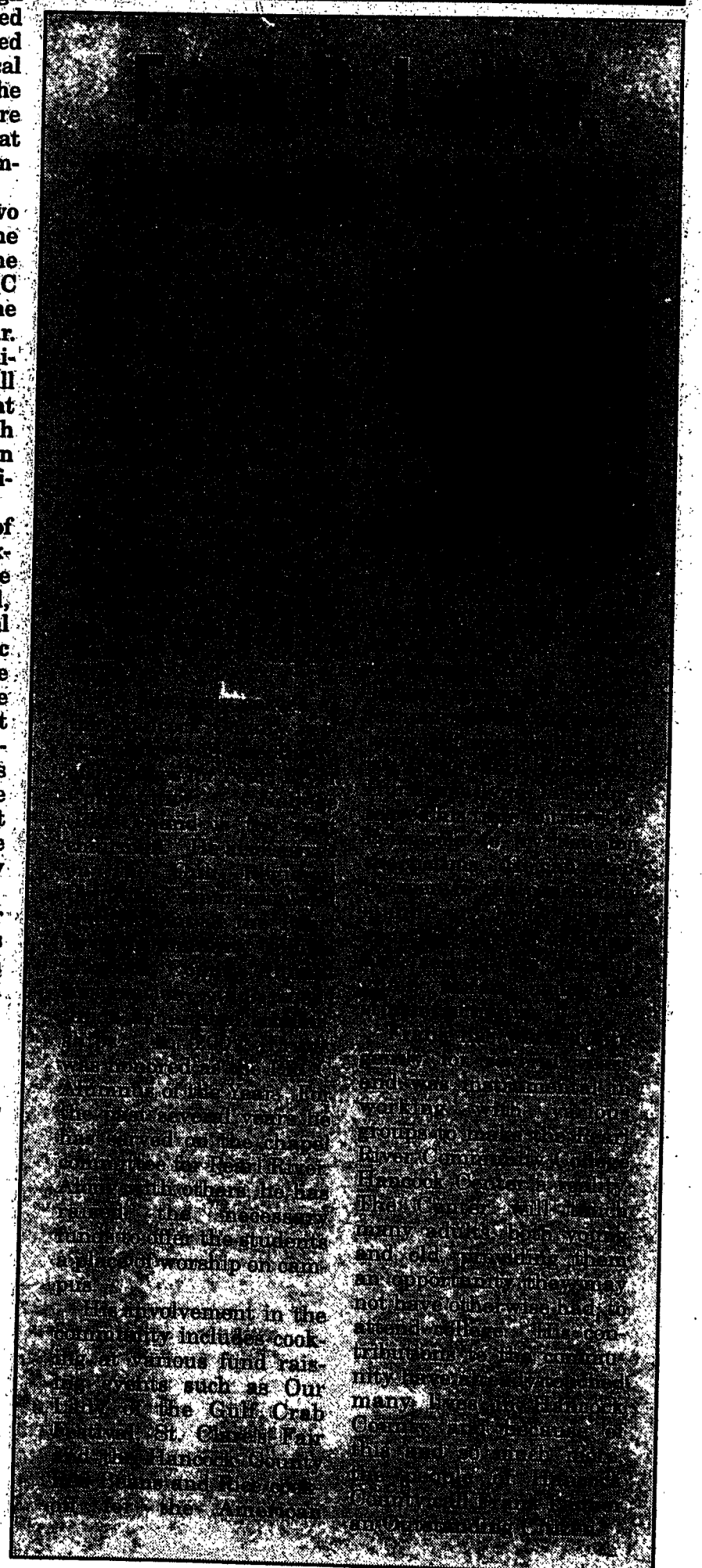
2004 also marked two other milestones for The Arts: the opening of The Wave Gallery at The PRCC Hancock Center and the ArtsAlive! Studio Tour. Recently, Gwen began an initiative with the USM Small Business Development Center to provide artists with an opportunity to gain knowledge about the business side of the arts.

In her role as President of The Arts, she serves as Ex-Officio member of the Hancock Chamber board, promoting the arts as a vital component of the economic base. She and John also serve on the board for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Games where she promoted the idea of an arts competition in addition to the athletic events. The result was the formation of the Golden Bay Arts Program by the City of Bay St. Louis.

Gwen has a passion for printmaking and she shares it with local teachers through the BayArts Program, an activity of the City of Bay St. Louis Cultural Affairs Department. Late last year, she moved from the Turquoise Turtle to establish a teaching studio now known as Bay Printmaking Studio. There, she works with area teachers to enhance their skills, using art to teach mathematics, history, chemistry and other disciplines.

Gwen and John live in Waveland with her mother, Thelma Gelis. She has two children, Amy and Brett, two step children, Denise and John II, and three grandchildren. Gwen is changing lives. For this reason and so many more, the people of Hancock County call Gwen Impson an Outstanding Citizen.

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### Jimmy Loiacano City of Bay St. Louis

When he was a little boy growing up in Bay St. Louis, the only thing important about green grass was that it made getting tackled and hitting the ground softer when he was playing football with the Main Street kids.

When he was a young man, roses were the flowers of choice for his special high school date. He was a dedicated student, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of the Future Teachers of America.

their daughter, Gabrielle, through his work. Jimmy's dedication is impressive and inspirational. He will quickly tell you that he doesn't do his job alone, but with the help of a group of men who share his work ethic. But the inspiration for doing a job comes from watching the man who never asks them to do something he has not and does not do himself.

Jimmy Loiacano loves Bay St. Louis and Hancock County. From the beaches to the high schools, he has a deep love for this community. He is a dedicated worker and a dedicated citizen.

Jimmy is a very talented photographer. Often times, his services are donated and he expects nothing in return. He has done work for various charities and for nonprofit organizations, including the Hancock Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Jimmy has a way of brightening your day. He'll stop in his local business just to say "good morning," tell a joke or two, and put a smile on everyone's face. That is why the people of Hancock County call Jimmy Loiacano an Outstanding Citizen.

Rehabilitation and physical maintenance of his hometown is his life's mission. He manifests his love of God, his wife Sharon, and

### Chari Rapp McIntyre-Rapp Real Estate

When Chari Rapp discovered that Charlie Hodge had no home after losing his second residence to disaster in two years, she quietly set about finding a way to help him have a home.

A victim of cerebral palsy, Charlie had lost his first home to flooding caused by Tropical Storm Isidore and his second to fire in March of 2004. Not long after, Chari met him in a convenience store/service station after having seen him wheeling himself along Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Road in his manual wheelchair (his electric wheelchair had also burned in the fire). When she talked to him and discovered his

dilemma, she swung into action. Today, Charlie's home is 90% complete and he is looking forward to moving into his brand new home by this summer, thanks in large part to Chari Rapp. Through her efforts,

her church established the Charlie Hodge Benefit, a non-profit entity through which companies and individuals could donate funds, goods and services to building a home for Charlie. Chari's commitment to helping someone in need was apparent when she and others stood out in the rain at a "can shake" and raised more than \$1,700 toward Charlie's house.

By now over 50 businesses and

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### Brice Phillips HCARA, Inc. — WQRZ Radio

The safety and welfare of our citizens is the most important thing Brice Phillips is concerned about on a daily basis. Through WQRZ 103.5 Community Radio Service Protection Project by the Hancock County Amateur Radio Association (HCARA), he is able to accomplish this important mission without regard to recognition for his work.

Staff with the Hancock County Emergency Management Agency applaud him for his efforts to get important information to the citizens of Hancock County in a timely manner. He generously promotes

all events, weather, hazards or anything that is going on to help residents get out of harms way.

HCARA, Inc.-WQRZ Community Radio was established by Brice and Christine Stach as a non-commercial educational broadcast radio station dedicated to entertain, empower, educate, provide local community news in public affairs, civic activities, cultural events, emergency preparedness planning, science-technology education, and daily exploration of musical

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## Outstanding Citizens

### Dr. Gaynell Ladner Roberts Pearl River Community College — Hancock Center

In her role as Hancock County Coordinator for Pearl River Community College (PRCC), Dr. Gaynell Roberts has demonstrated outstanding dedication to bringing educational opportunities to the people of Hancock County. Dr. Roberts is a passionate educator, who relentlessly advocates and promotes education to businesses and organizations throughout the community. As a native of the area, her career as a successful professional is an example that also inspires other individuals to enhance the quality of their life through education and hard work.

While in high school, Roberts dreamed of attending Pearl River Community



**Dr. Gaynell Roberts**  
College. Her friends would say they were going to "The River" after high school. During her senior year Gaynell received a scholarship to Pearl River

Community College. At the time she was unable to utilize it. In spite of her initial setback, she eventually earned a Bachelor of Science, Master's Degree and Doctoral Degree at the University of Southern Mississippi. Dr. Roberts has worked in public education in Hancock County for the past 28 years. In 2004, her 40-year old dream of "going to the River" was finally realized when she was hired as Coordinator of Hancock County Operations for Pearl River Community College.

In her role with PRCC, she seeks to further expand the academic choices offered to students by exploring potential synergies and partnerships between PRCC and complementary educational

cultural programs and institutions. One such partnership was developed by Dr. Roberts with The Arts - Hancock County. The partnership created a relatively new experience in higher education facilities; the Wave Gallery, which is housed in the reception area and hallway in the new PRCC - Hancock Center. The concept of PRCC students interacting with a rotated, juried art exhibition is the kind of inspiration that Dr. Roberts brings to the college setting. Some day, she hopes the College will be able to increase the offerings at the Hancock County facility to become a full service campus.

Gaynell was also one of the primary architects of the Adult Community Education

Program, which offers adult education classes in Hancock County. After receiving national leadership training at the Center for Community Education in Flint, Michigan in 1997, she designed the program and became the first director.

The highly successful Community Education Program is in its 9th year. Dr. Roberts still oversees the administration of the program on a limited basis. Over the years, she has served as co-chair of the Hancock Chamber Education committee, and served on the USM Gulf Park President's Advisory Council. For all of these reasons and so much more, Hancock County calls Gaynell Roberts an Outstanding Citizen.

### David A. Treutel, Jr. Treutel Insurance Agency, Inc.

You could say David A. Treutel, Jr., was born a community leader. David is a part of the third generation devoted to serving Hancock County and the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

A lifetime resident of Bay St. Louis, David began to stand out as a leader as a student. He graduated from St. Stanislaus College (SSC) in 1976 and served as the Class Salutatorian. He continued his education at the University of Mississippi, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 1980. After receiving his degree, David contin-



**David A. Treutel Jr.**  
ued with post-graduate studies, and began work as an

Auditor with Arthur Anderson & Company. After the loss of his grandfather, David joined his father in the family-owned business, Treutel Insurance Agency, Inc., where he now serves as President, and the Founder and President of another division, T & T Financial Services, P.A.

David is a leader and member of many professional associations, including the Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi, where he has served in a variety of roles including President. He is also Past President of the Independent Insurance Agents of the Gulf Coast, and

serves on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association, by MS Insurance Commissioner Appointment, and numerous other insurance related boards and committees.

David's interest in building a strong community has led him to an almost surreal community involvement, serving the needs of our area with both his time and resources. To support church and education, he was chosen as a school board member of Bay Catholic Elementary, and on the Advisory Board of Brothers of the Sacred Heart. He also serves on the SSC

Board of Directors, Hall of Fame Nominating Committee, Building Capital Campaign Co-Chair, and as a leadership speaker. He is an active member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, and readily supports their needs, including strategic planning and by holding a variety of parish offices. He is a past coach for the Bay St. Louis Area Youth Soccer and Little League Baseball leagues. Seeing the need for a Boys & Girls Club in Hancock County, he was part of the team that founded the Hancock County Unit Board



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in 2003, now operating an after school as well as a summer program to keep children off the streets in a safe, learning environment. David is also a past board member of the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center, and was a moderator for Junior Achievement.

David's civic involvement includes the Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, where he received the coveted Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1989. He is also past club president and formerly served on the Board of Directors. He was formerly a member of the Rotary Club of Diamondhead, and served on the District Board in 1991. He was a Charter Member of the Bay St. Louis Elks Club, a member of the Mississippi Coast Metropolitan Dinner Club, and served on the Board of Directors of Kids Voting Mississippi, Inc.

He is a past leader of the

United Way of Hancock County organization, serving in several offices and board positions. He continued to serve as this group merged into the United Way of South Mississippi, committing over two decades to improve the lives of Mississippi Gulf Coast residents. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, and has served in a variety of leadership positions since 1995. As a Coast 21 member, he was influential in the strategic planning of the entire coast for the 21st century, and continues to serve on the board of this group. His financial acumen is well-recognized, which resulted in being chosen to serve on the Board of Directors and Audit Committee for Peoples Federal Saving Bank from 1988-1991. In 1994, David was selected for the Board of Directors and Audit

Committee of Merchants Bank & Trust. After Merchants was acquired by Whitney National Bank in 1997, he was appointed to their Mississippi Advisory Board.

He is the Founding Chairman of Partners for Stennis and member of the first Board of Directors. He continues to serve on this board, and on the Executive Committee. David has been an active member of the Hancock County Chamber since 1982, and has served in a variety of leadership roles, including President. He completed the Leadership Hancock County program in 1997, and served on the Steering Committee the following year. He has served on the Mississippi Gulf Coast Economic Development Committee and as a founding member of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Technology Council. David also served on

the Hancock County Mitigation Board, and now continues his work for smart community growth in a variety of capacities throughout the area.

David has received a variety of honors for both his professional and charitable endeavors, which include: United Way of South Mississippi 15 Year Board of Director's Service Award 2004; National Top Performing Agency 2004; Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America; Presidents' Award 2001; Mississippi Independent Insurance Agents; Gulf Coast Community Foundation/United Way South Mississippi Philanthropy Day Award 1999; United Way South Mississippi Beyer/Haas Volunteer of the Year Award 1998; Independent Insurance Agents of Mississippi

Achievement Award 1997; Top 40 Under 40 In Mississippi 1997, Mississippi Business Journal; NASA Public Service Group Achievement Award 1996; Who's Who in Coast Business 1995; Distinguished Service Award, Rotary Club of Diamondhead 1992; Paul Harris Fellow Award, Rotary Club of Bay St. Louis, 1989.

David A. Treutel, Jr. has shown a lifetime of leadership and commitment to improving the quality of life in Hancock County and throughout the Coast. He is a tireless leader who never hesitates to solve the challenges necessary to make our community a better place to live.

He continues to live in Bay St. Louis with his wife, Angelyn, and their two sons, David III "Trey" and Alex. Together, they are raising the next generation of Treutel leaders.

## Rapp

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individuals have donated cash, building materials, appliances, and labor to make Charlie's dream of once again owning his own home a reality.

And Charlie Hodge is just one of many people's lives that have been touched by Chari. Her work through her church, the Word of Faith Church in Waveland, goes largely unnoticed by all except those individuals she

helps. The work she does for those in need is done without fanfare and without notoriety, yet her influence has benefited the lives of many. She frequently visits shut-ins in the community, and also teaches Sunday school and serves as a deaconess in her church.

Chari also plays a lead role in creating new jobs in the County through her service on the Hancock County Port

& Harbor Commission. Now serving her second four-year term as the City of Waveland's appointee to the Commission, she was selected Treasurer of the Commission by her peers last year, and has recently been elected Vice Chairman of the Commission for the coming year. She recently returned from Washington D.C., where she met with Mississippi's Legislative delegation to dis-

cuss Hancock County projects. Chari learned the value of hard work early. Having graduated a year early from high school, she immediately went to work for Mr. Fred McDonald, then became the youngest Head Teller in Hancock Bank history. After working as Personnel and Office Manager for Gonzales Marine, she became a real estate broker and has owned her own real estate firm for

over 18 years.

Chari is a member of the Hancock Chamber, past president of the Gulf Coast Council of Brokers for Century 21, and past vice president of the Gulf Coast Council of Brokers.

For her commitment to community and for helping those in need, we call Chari Rapp one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

## Gavagnie

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meetings and functions they are unable to attend, and helping with any number of special projects throughout Hancock County. Each month, RSVP handles hundreds of office mail-outs for non-profit organizations, including the Hancock Chamber. Margaret is there without fail, collating the monthly newsletter to mail out to the more than 800 Chamber members. She also helps staff during the annual recognition dinner

and luncheons through the City of Waveland.

Margaret is also an active member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, where she volunteers as Membership Chairperson for the Altar Guild. She was instrumental in reorganizing the Society, and started a membership drive. She also serves on the Bereavement Committee, and is responsible for contacting individuals who have lost family members to offer help during diffi-

cult times. As a member of the Rabboni Ministry, she works with others to provide food to families of the deceased. Throughout the years, Margaret has worked for the American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary, the Girl Scouts and to raise funds for Bay Catholic Elementary. The best thing about working with Margaret as a volunteer is that she does it with a happy heart. For this and so much more, we call Margaret Gavagnie

one of Hancock County's Outstanding Citizens.

## Nate

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the Knights Peter Claver Ball. He is also a mentor for the Junior Knights to grow the next generation church leaders. Nate was recognized by the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency with the Distinguished Community Service Award for achieving the distinction

of a role model for his demonstrated compassion to the needy and for serving as a role model for area youth. This year at the Krewe of Real People's Ball, he received the Elsworth Collins 2005 award, recognizing those who provide service to their community.



## Our Guest

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Charles D. McDonald, CBA, FA  
Coast Electric Power Association

### Phillips

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diversity. It provides a vital public service by maintaining an Emergency Alert System accessible 24 hours a day seven days a week. "To provide the public a new broadcast radio service and to help protect the safety of life, health and property through the ART of radio" is one of the mission goals of this 501(c) 3 publicly supported charitable Mississippi organization since 1994.

Operations began in 2003 entirely constructed, managed and run by two volunteer persons with disabilities. Brice and Christine are active in the community, inviting all who can to support this nationally unique, pioneering research, active development, creative demonstration project for better public warning sys-

tems to help serve, protect and to develop a stronger, more educated, disaster-resistant community and homeland. Program underwriters publicly demonstrate their commitment to WQRZ which directly benefits citizens for the safety of life, health and property.

In 2005, Brice was nominated for a Governor's Initiative for Volunteer Excellence (GIVE) Award, an honor in and of itself. He received a certificate of recognition for his nomination from Governor Barbour to commend his worthy efforts, and to recognize him for outstanding volunteer service in 2004 to the citizens of the State of Mississippi for his selfless commitment to others.

For this, Brice Phillips, an outstanding citizen.

### Graffeo

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program in 2002. And, later that year, when the Chamber experienced a total staff turnover, she functioned as a volunteer staff person to support the member services programs for a six-month period.

In 2002, she was appointed to the Hancock Chamber Board of Directors and was elected for another three year term beginning in 2005. From 2002-2004, she was actively involved in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and other community activities as Past President of the Hancock County Exchange Club, a civic organization dedicated to child abuse prevention. In 1999 and 2000, she was named Hancock County

Exchange Club Exchangeite of the Year by her peers for her community work. In 2004, she was invited to join the Gulf Coast Board of Directors for the Child Abuse Prevention Center. Linda is also an active member of the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club, Finance Committee for the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, Friends of the Animal Shelter, and has been a member of the Gulf Coast Board of Realtors since 1996.

Linda is known for going beyond the call of duty and through her volunteer work she demonstrates how much she truly cares about her community and the people who live here. For these reasons, Linda Graffeo is an Outstanding Citizen.

### McDonald

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air traffic control tower under construction. These improvements position the Stennis Airport to become a major regional player in aircraft-related commerce.

He is an ageless community hero. When he was discharged from the military in 1946, he had achieved the

rank of Captain. For his valor in World War II—including the capture of 60 enemy prisoners—he earned the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. At 82, he is actively involved in his church, numerous volunteer efforts, and the economic development of Hancock County.



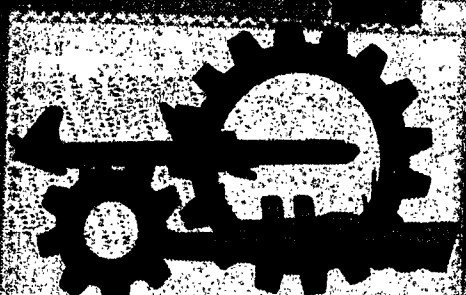
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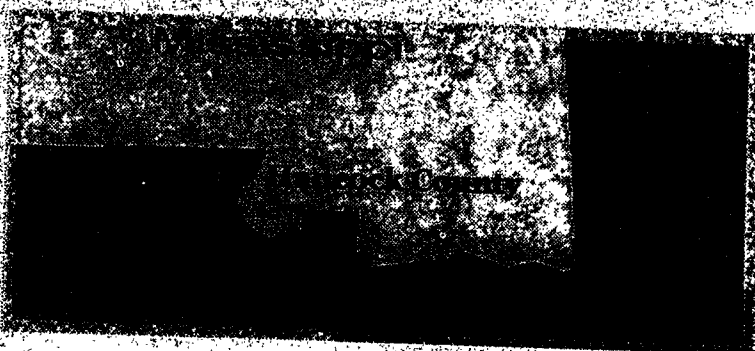
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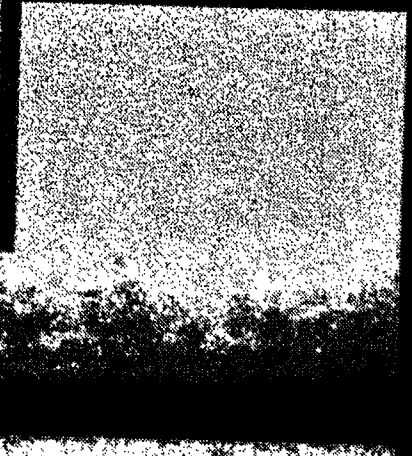
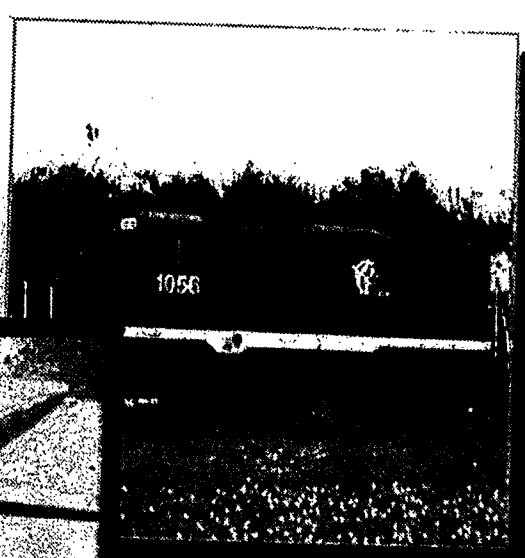
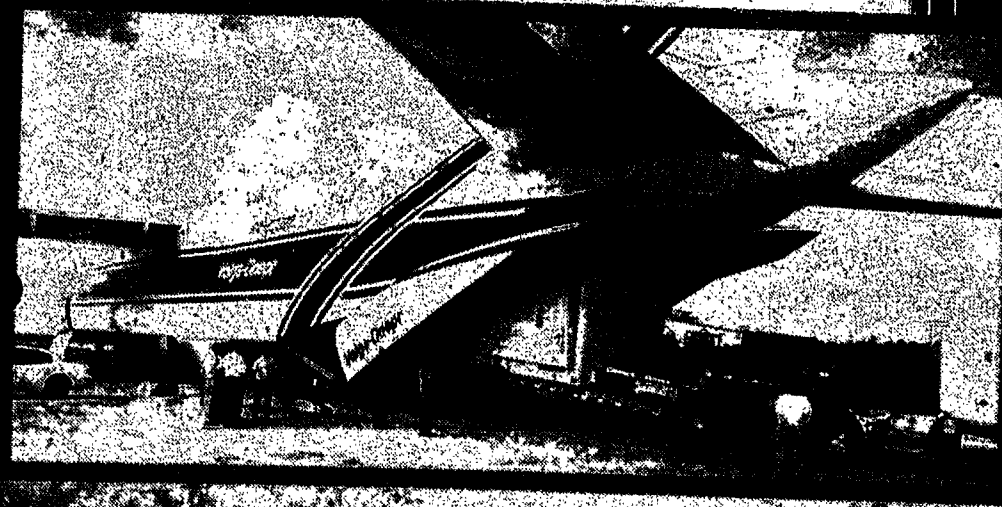
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